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Commentary

Employment edged down an estimated 19,000 in August, the fourth decline in the last five months. So far in 2003, employment has increased by only 0.3 percent, a sharp contrast to the 2.6% growth during the first eight months of 2002. In August, the unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 8.0%. The last time the rate was at 8.0% was in December 2001.

A note on the Ontario-US power outage and the LFS estimates

The blackout that hit most of Ontario and much of the eastern United States on August 14th, is unlikely to have impacted the employment or unemployment estimates. People employed at any time during the week of August 10th to 16th, the Labour Force Survey reference week, are considered "employed" even if they were laid off after the power outage.

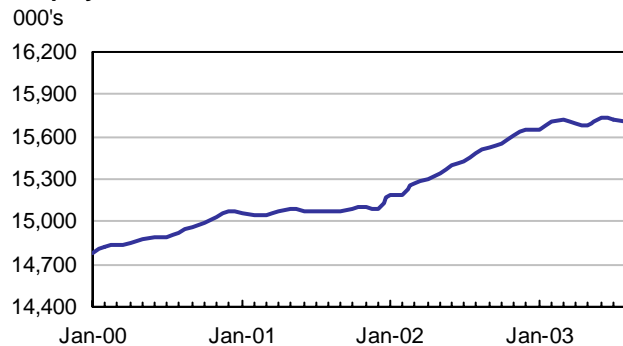
Nor would the blackout affect the number of full-time and part-time workers. As described in today's release, the power outage caused many people to miss work, however, a full-time worker is someone who "usually" works 30 or more hours per week, regardless of how many hours they "actually" worked. For example, someone who normally puts in a 35 hour work week, but lost a day's time because of the outage during the reference week, would still be counted as "full-time".

Labour Force Survey collection occurred during the power conservation period (August 17th to 23rd), however survey response was largely unaffected by the power outage and conservation efforts.

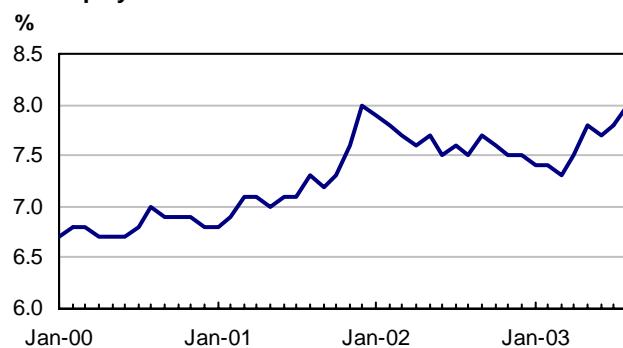
Large loss in hours due to Ontario-U.S. power outage

While the Ontario-U.S. power outage was unlikely to have impacted employment and unemployment (see note), the blackout caused a significant number of people to miss work during the Labour Force Survey reference week (August 10th to 16th). From the day of the outage on August 14th through the next two days, an estimated one in four Ontario employees (1.3 million people) missed some work as a direct result of the blackout. In total, this amounted to over 11 million hours, or 8.2 hours per absent employee. This does not include the time lost during the period of power conservation the week following the outage.

Employment



Unemployment rate



In the past, the Labour Force Survey has measured the impact of other critical events that have caused people to miss work. The 1.3 million Ontario employees absent because of the power outage was much larger than the 83,000 people who missed work because their buildings were evacuated, or factories shut the week of September 11th. The 1998 ice storm in Quebec and eastern Ontario forced 150,000 people away from work for a full week, and another 390,000 for part of the reference week.

In almost all industries in Ontario, workers lost hours in August. The exception to this was in the utilities industry, where many employees were required to work longer hours. Normally at this time of year, about one in six employees in the utilities industry in Ontario works more than 40 hours per week. However, in August this increased to almost one in three.

In total, the number of hours worked in Ontario fell 5.9% from the month before (-12.4 million), the sharpest drop on record. Ontario accounted for three-quarters of the drop in hours nationwide.

In Ontario, employment dipped slightly (-6,000) but a drop in the number of people looking for work caused the unemployment rate to slip 0.1 percentage points to 7.1%. A gain in manufacturing jobs in the province could not make up for a large loss in professional, scientific and technical services employment.

Largest loss was in the management of companies, administrative and other support services industry

Nationwide, the largest loss in employment was in the management of companies, administrative and other support services industry, where employment dropped 24,000. This industry, which includes people employed in the maintenance of buildings, security services as well as call centres, has been a growth industry over the longer term, despite the decline in August.

Health care and social assistance employment also fell in August, dropping 18,000. Most of this decline occurred in Quebec and Alberta. The drop in health and social assistance in August is not in line with recent trends. Compared to August 2001, when employment in the industry began its most recent upward trend, health and social assistance jobs have increased 8.2% (+127,000).

A drop in full-time employment was behind the overall employment decline in August. Full-time employment fell 22,000, over half of which occurred in the two above-mentioned industries. There was also a drop in full-time work in manufacturing. The drop in hours associated with the Ontario-US power outage is unlikely to have impacted the number of full-time workers (see note).

Overall, manufacturing employment was unchanged in August. However, so far in 2003, factory jobs have been in decline, as employment in the sector has fallen 2.7% (-62,000). According to the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, manufacturers sliced 4.4% off shipments in the second quarter, wiping out the first quarter's gains. In August, employment in the production of transportation equipment fell, offset by small gains in a number of other manufacturing industries.

Continued gains in public administration and construction

Employment jumped 14,000 in public administration in August, putting year-to-date gains to 6.1%, the strongest pace of any industry. Over the last few years, public administration has been on an upward trend, however employment in the industry remains 5% below the level prior to the large scale public service cuts of the mid 1990s.

Construction employment continued to roll along in August, increasing by 11,000. So far in 2003, construction jobs have increased 3.6%. According to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, new housing starts in July were 11% higher than a year earlier.

Large loss in private sector employees partly offset by self-employment gains

The number of private sector employees fell 46,000 in August, the largest one-month loss since 1995. Partly offsetting this drop was a 19,000 gain in self-employment. Over the first eight months of 2003, self-employment has increased, while the trend has flattened for private employees, as well as public sector employment.

Small losses for all age-sex groups

Employment dipped slightly in August for youth, adult men and adult women. So far in 2003, employment growth has slowed for both adult men and adult women, while it has declined slightly for youth.

Despite the small decline in youth employment so far this year, the summer job market for students (those who had been attending school full-time and who planned on returning in the fall) was better than in 2002. The share of students who were employed this summer averaged 53.1%, 0.8 percentage points higher than the summer before, and the best summer employment rate since 1991.

Employment declines in Quebec and New Brunswick

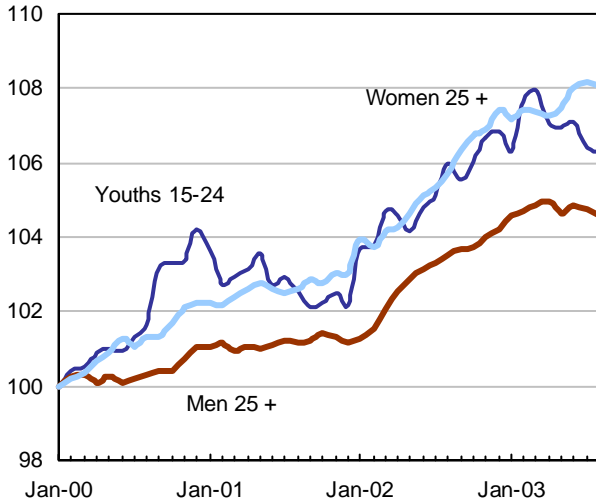
The largest declines in employment in August occurred in Quebec (-13,000) and New Brunswick (-7,000). Aside from a decline in health and social assistance, education and manufacturing employment also fell in Quebec. Over the first eight months of the year, factory jobs in Quebec have slid 5.0%, accounting for most of the labour market weakness in the province this year.

In New Brunswick, employment fell in a number of industries, most notably natural resources as well as food and accommodation services. The drop in employment in August brings year to date losses to 3.3% (-11,000).

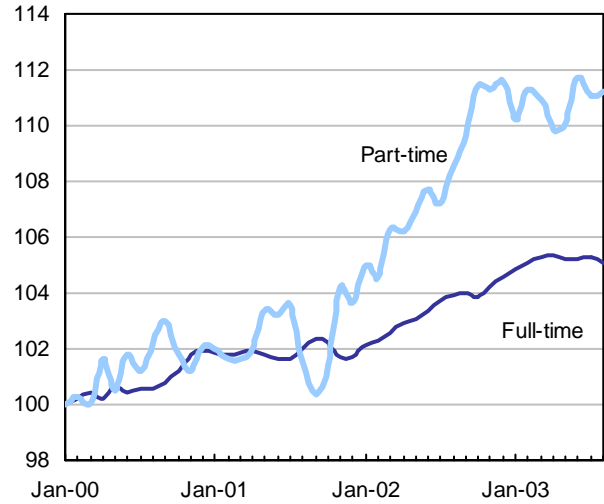
There was little change in employment in any other province.

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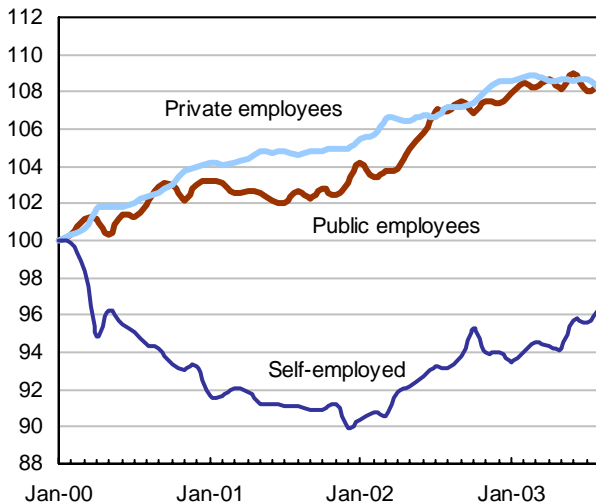
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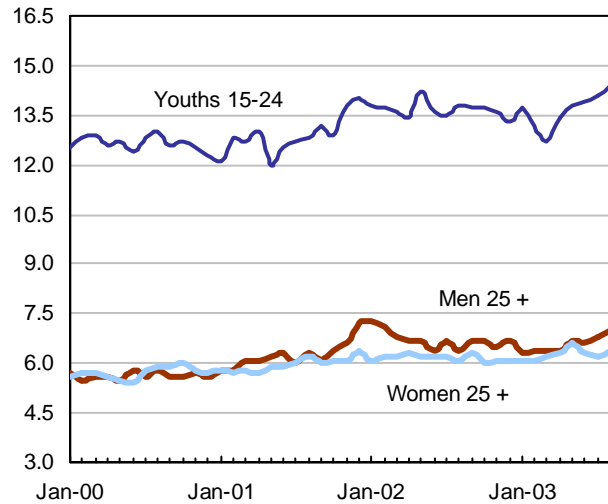
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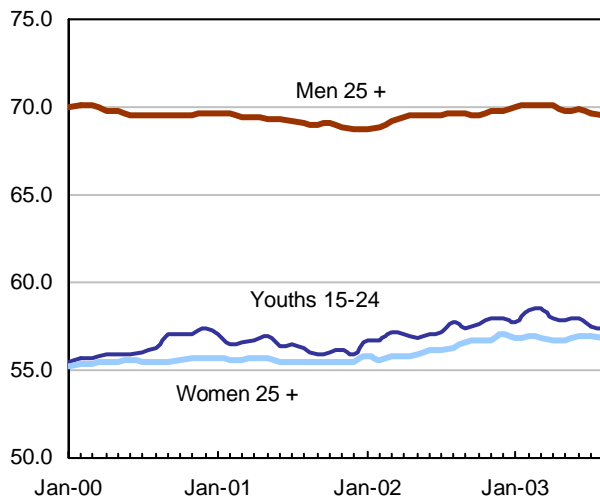
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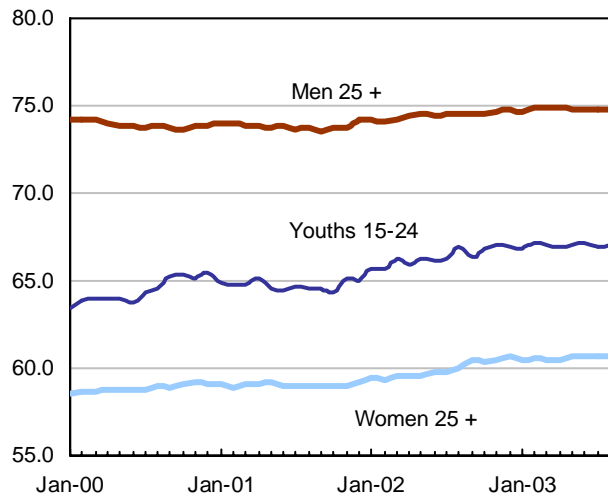
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Employment rate (%)

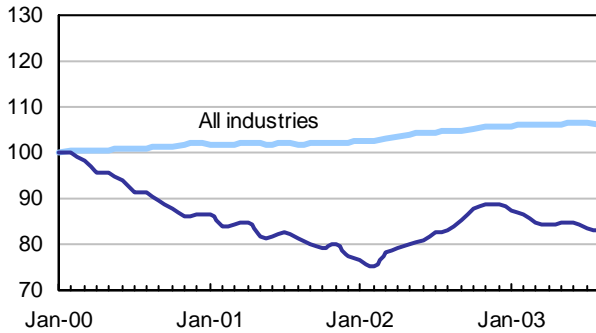


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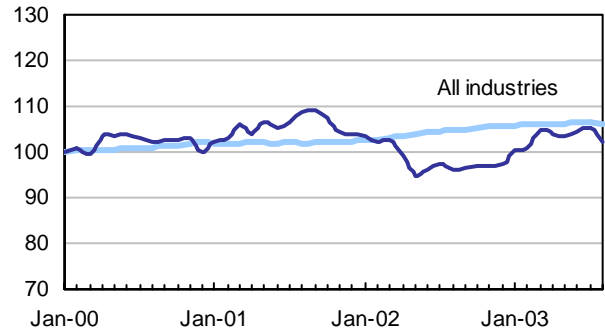


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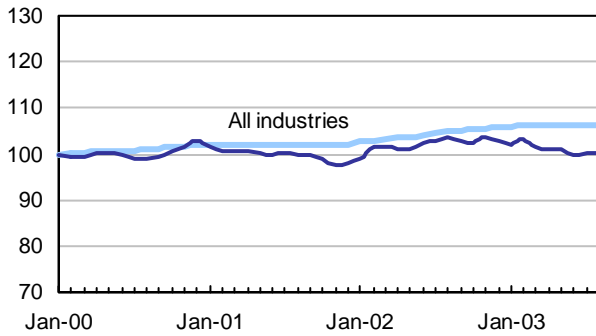
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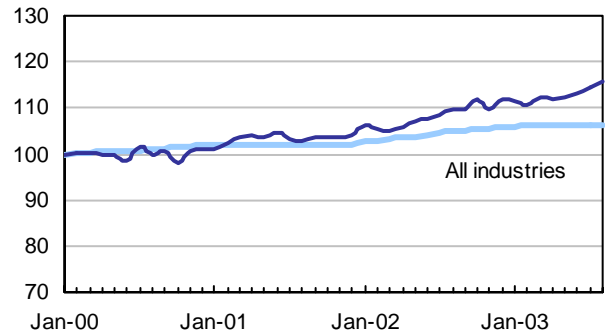
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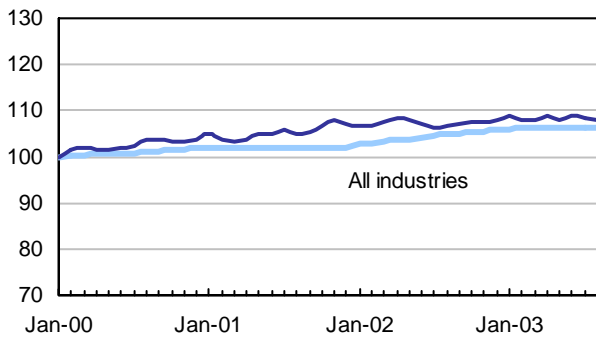
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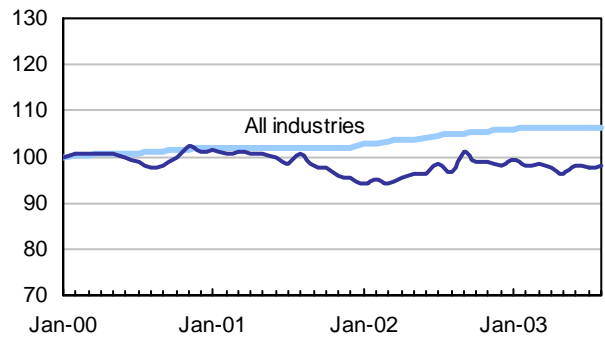
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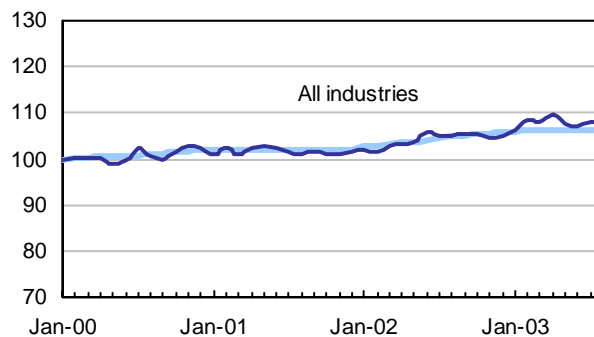
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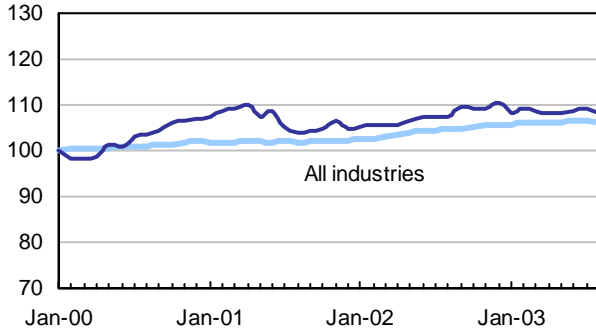


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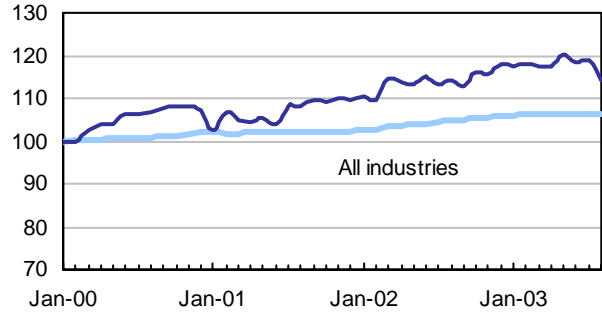


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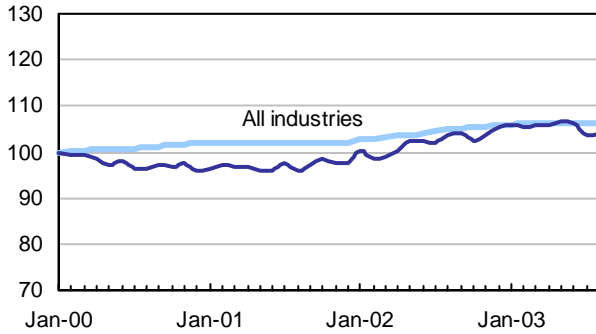
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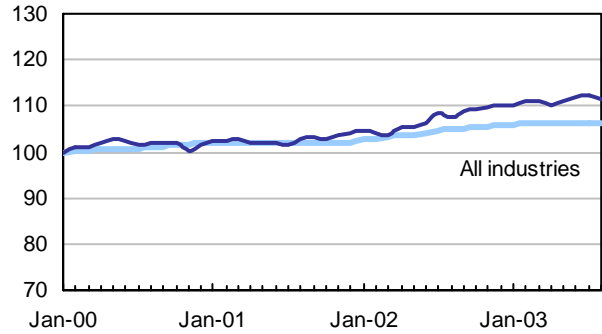
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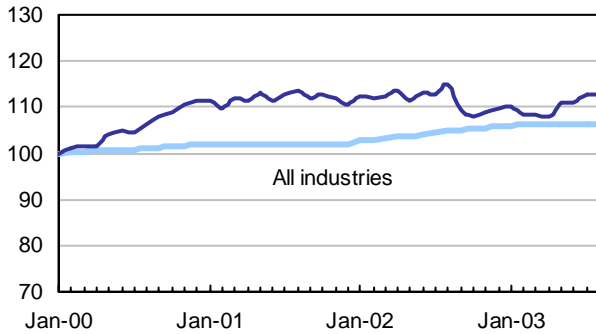
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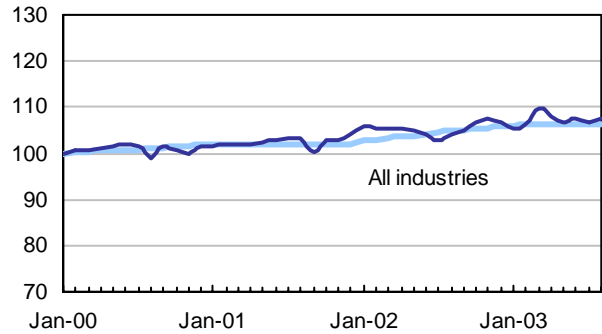
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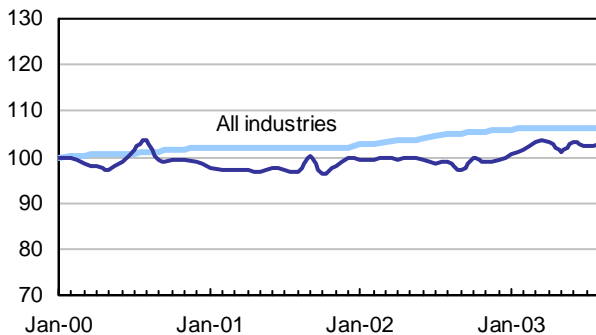
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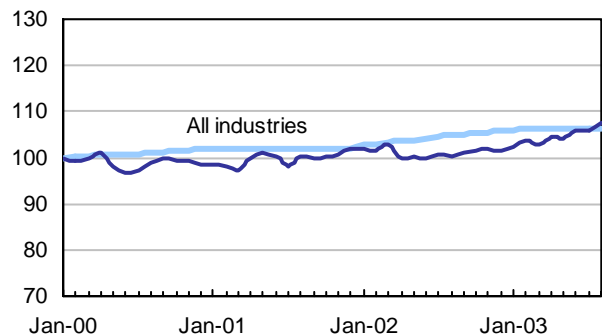
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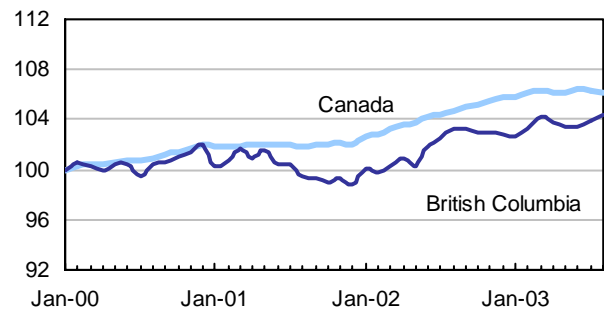
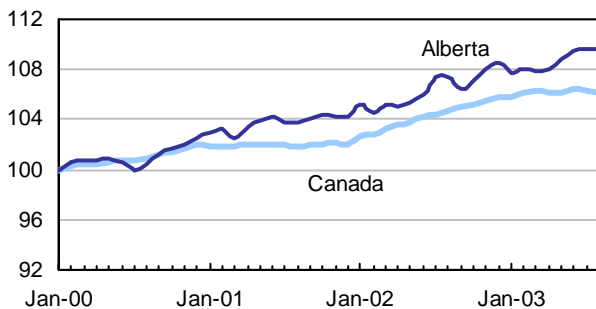
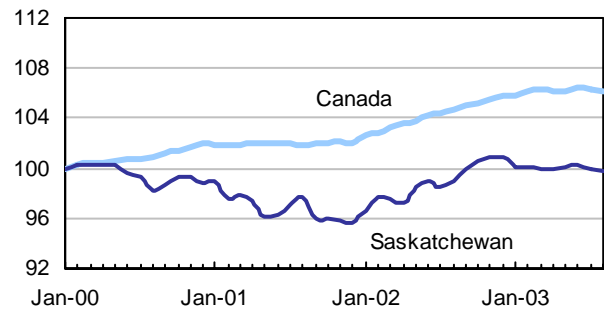
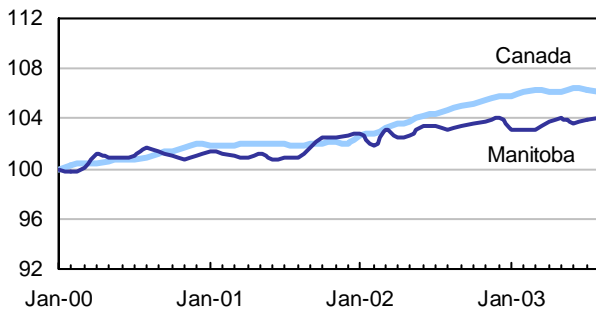
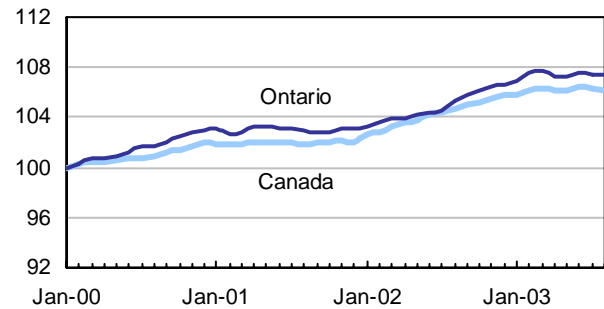
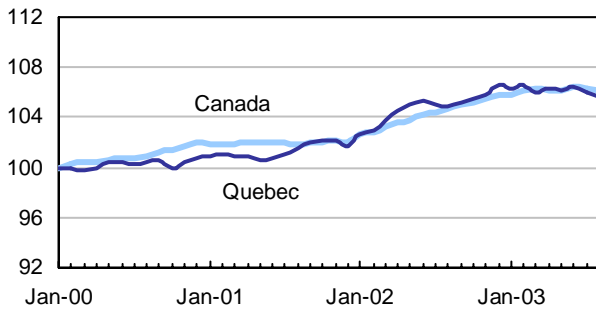
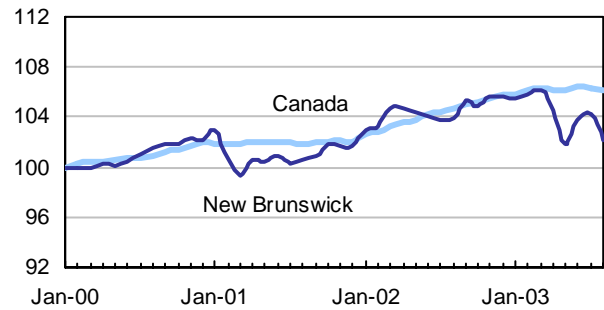
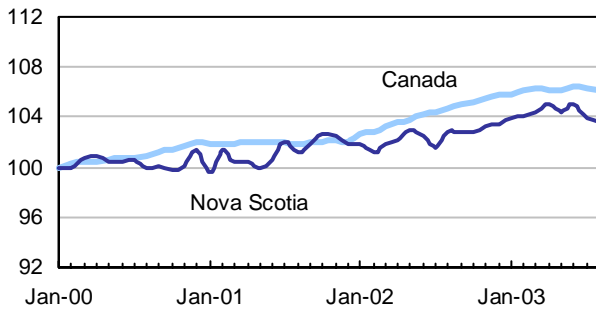
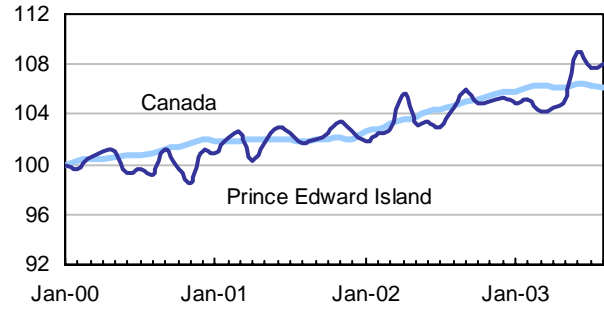
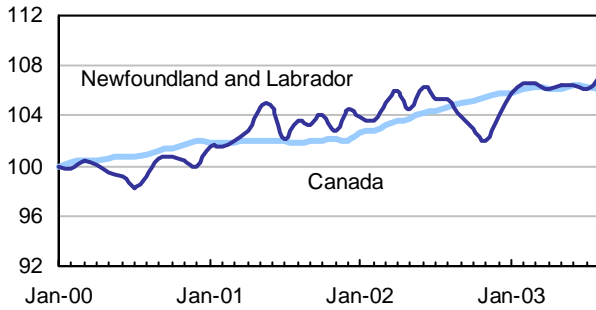
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Public administration



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



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Table 1

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,263.9	25,285.8	...	21.9	198.4	297.0	0.1	0.8	1.2
Labour force	17,042.4	17,067.8	27.8	25.4	142.5	318.6	0.1	0.8	1.9
Employment	15,720.6	15,701.6	28.6	-19.0	51.9	214.3	-0.1	0.3	1.4
Employment full-time	12,758.8	12,736.5	34.0	-22.3	63.1	143.9	-0.2	0.5	1.1
Employment part-time	2,961.9	2,965.1	29.5	3.2	-11.2	70.3	0.1	-0.4	2.4
Unemployment	1,321.8	1,366.2	23.1	44.4	90.6	104.3	3.4	7.1	8.3
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,166.4	4,169.0	...	2.6	23.1	35.0	0.1	0.6	0.8
Labour force	2,789.3	2,796.5	16.3	7.2	23.7	29.5	0.3	0.9	1.1
Employment	2,395.3	2,392.7	15.9	-2.6	-11.8	7.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.3
Employment full-time	1,308.0	1,293.0	16.3	-15.0	-15.9	-20.5	-1.1	-1.2	-1.6
Employment part-time	1,087.3	1,099.7	16.9	12.4	4.1	28.1	1.1	0.4	2.6
Unemployment	394.0	403.8	13.6	9.8	35.5	21.9	2.5	9.6	5.7
Participation rate	66.9	67.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.4	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	46.0	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,289.7	10,298.9	...	9.2	83.3	127.4	0.1	0.8	1.3
Labour force	7,694.6	7,701.9	14.4	7.3	55.9	124.9	0.1	0.7	1.6
Employment	7,172.4	7,161.9	15.9	-10.5	26.6	71.9	-0.1	0.4	1.0
Employment full-time	6,712.5	6,720.1	19.2	7.6	49.7	70.7	0.1	0.7	1.1
Employment part-time	459.9	441.8	13.7	-18.1	-23.1	1.3	-3.9	-5.0	0.3
Unemployment	522.2	540.0	13.5	17.8	29.3	53.0	3.4	5.7	10.9
Participation rate	74.8	74.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,807.8	10,817.9	...	10.1	92.1	134.6	0.1	0.9	1.3
Labour force	6,558.5	6,569.4	16.1	10.9	63.0	164.2	0.2	1.0	2.6
Employment	6,153.0	6,147.0	16.4	-6.0	37.2	134.7	-0.1	0.6	2.2
Employment full-time	4,738.3	4,723.4	21.7	-14.9	29.3	93.7	-0.3	0.6	2.0
Employment part-time	1,414.7	1,423.6	19.5	8.9	7.8	41.0	0.6	0.6	3.0
Unemployment	405.5	422.4	12.9	16.9	25.8	29.5	4.2	6.5	7.5
Participation rate	60.7	60.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	23.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,108.6	14,109.9	...	1.3	32.3	44.4	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	12,168.2	12,180.0	20.4	11.8	20.7	89.4	0.1	0.2	0.7
Employment	11,364.1	11,345.5	22.2	-18.6	-32.7	30.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment	804.1	834.5	17.7	30.4	53.4	59.3	3.8	6.8	7.6
Participation rate	86.2	86.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.5	80.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...

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

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,301.3	13,263.8	29.0	-37.5	-7.4	135.2	-0.3	-0.1	1.0
Self-employed ²	2,419.4	2,437.9	16.8	18.5	59.4	79.1	0.8	2.5	3.4
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,972.0	2,981.0	16.4	9.0	27.6	40.8	0.3	0.9	1.4
Private sector employees	10,329.2	10,282.8	29.1	-46.4	-35.0	94.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.9
Industry	15,720.6	15,701.6	28.6	-19.0	51.9	214.3	-0.1	0.3	1.4
Goods-producing sector	3,971.9	3,975.6	21.0	3.7	-34.4	-21.1	0.1	-0.9	-0.5
Agriculture	334.4	333.0	6.3	-1.4	-22.2	-0.7	-0.4	-6.2	-0.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	291.1	283.4	5.1	-7.7	13.1	16.9	-2.6	4.8	6.3
Utilities	132.1	135.3	3.6	3.2	4.2	0.5	2.4	3.2	0.4
Construction	933.5	944.1	11.8	10.6	32.8	47.6	1.1	3.6	5.3
Manufacturing	2,280.9	2,279.8	17.0	-1.1	-62.4	-85.5	0.0	-2.7	-3.6
Services-producing sector	11,748.7	11,726.1	29.0	-22.6	86.5	235.5	-0.2	0.7	2.0
Trade	2,451.5	2,448.6	17.2	-2.9	2.1	34.4	-0.1	0.1	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	760.5	765.8	10.0	5.3	0.0	11.2	0.7	0.0	1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	930.5	928.3	10.5	-2.2	24.7	23.6	-0.2	2.7	2.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,007.6	999.8	12.2	-7.8	-21.0	5.7	-0.8	-2.1	0.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	616.6	592.8	10.8	-23.8	-19.5	-0.6	-3.9	-3.2	-0.1
Educational services	1,033.1	1,035.4	11.1	2.3	-14.8	0.6	0.2	-1.4	0.1
Health care and social assistance	1,690.3	1,672.7	12.0	-17.6	17.9	56.8	-1.0	1.1	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	711.9	711.5	10.7	-0.4	18.0	-14.1	-0.1	2.6	-1.9
Accommodation and food services	1,015.3	1,023.8	12.4	8.5	7.6	31.9	0.8	0.7	3.2
Other services	716.3	718.8	10.4	2.5	23.7	27.3	0.3	3.4	3.9
Public administration	815.0	828.5	8.7	13.5	47.5	58.6	1.7	6.1	7.6

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

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

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	438.5	438.6	...	0.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	258.8	260.3	2.6	1.5	-1.8	2.7	0.6	-0.7	1.0
Employment	217.8	219.6	2.5	1.8	6.1	3.5	0.8	2.9	1.6
Employment full-time	186.2	189.3	2.6	3.1	8.4	8.8	1.7	4.6	4.9
Employment part-time	31.6	30.3	1.9	-1.3	-2.3	-5.3	-4.1	-7.1	-14.9
Unemployment	41.0	40.7	2.3	-0.3	-7.9	-0.8	-0.7	-16.3	-1.9
Participation rate	59.0	59.3	0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	15.6	0.8	-0.2	-2.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.7	50.1	0.6	0.4	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.4	113.4	...	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.8	1.2
Labour force	77.7	77.7	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.8	0.0	2.0	1.0
Employment	69.5	69.7	0.7	0.2	1.8	2.3	0.3	2.7	3.4
Employment full-time	58.0	58.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.4	1.4	4.1	4.3
Employment part-time	11.5	10.9	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	-5.2	-4.4	-0.9
Unemployment	8.1	8.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5	-1.2	-3.6	-15.8
Participation rate	68.5	68.5	0.6	0.0	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.3	0.8	-0.1	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.5	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	760.1	760.7	...	0.6	3.0	4.4	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	478.4	483.8	2.9	5.4	6.9	7.5	1.1	1.4	1.6
Employment	434.2	432.9	3.2	-1.3	0.6	3.0	-0.3	0.1	0.7
Employment full-time	351.5	349.4	3.6	-2.1	2.0	1.4	-0.6	0.6	0.4
Employment part-time	82.7	83.5	3.2	0.8	-1.4	1.7	1.0	-1.6	2.1
Unemployment	44.1	51.0	2.7	6.9	6.4	4.6	15.6	14.3	9.9
Participation rate	62.9	63.6	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	10.5	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	609.7	610.0	...	0.3	1.5	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	385.7	381.0	2.5	-4.7	-9.2	-3.0	-1.2	-2.4	-0.8
Employment	345.3	338.6	2.6	-6.7	-11.4	-5.3	-1.9	-3.3	-1.5
Employment full-time	291.7	286.4	2.9	-5.3	-9.4	-3.0	-1.8	-3.2	-1.0
Employment part-time	53.6	52.2	2.2	-1.4	-2.0	-2.3	-2.6	-3.7	-4.2
Unemployment	40.4	42.4	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	5.0	5.5	5.7
Participation rate	63.3	62.5	0.4	-0.8	-1.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	11.1	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	55.5	0.4	-1.1	-2.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,084.6	6,088.1	...	3.5	33.0	49.0	0.1	0.5	0.8
Labour force	4,000.5	4,022.2	15.6	21.7	30.5	90.3	0.5	0.8	2.3
Employment	3,634.6	3,621.4	15.8	-13.2	-32.7	26.6	-0.4	-0.9	0.7
Employment full-time	2,989.1	2,970.5	18.5	-18.6	-14.7	16.5	-0.6	-0.5	0.6
Employment part-time	645.5	650.9	15.9	5.4	-18.0	10.1	0.8	-2.7	1.6
Unemployment	365.8	400.8	13.4	35.0	63.2	63.7	9.6	18.7	18.9
Participation rate	65.7	66.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	10.0	0.3	0.9	1.5	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,790.3	9,800.9	...	10.6	97.2	149.1	0.1	1.0	1.5
Labour force	6,704.2	6,691.5	17.8	-12.7	58.4	128.6	-0.2	0.9	2.0
Employment	6,219.1	6,213.2	18.5	-5.9	47.2	119.5	-0.1	0.8	2.0
Employment full-time	5,060.1	5,061.8	22.0	1.7	22.0	59.0	0.0	0.4	1.2
Employment part-time	1,159.0	1,151.4	19.0	-7.6	25.2	60.6	-0.7	2.2	5.6
Unemployment	485.1	478.3	14.5	-6.8	11.2	9.1	-1.4	2.4	1.9
Participation rate	68.5	68.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	868.4	868.8	...	0.4	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	601.5	601.3	2.8	-0.2	-0.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Employment	571.1	572.0	2.9	0.9	-0.1	5.2	0.2	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	457.4	458.7	3.6	1.3	-3.6	10.3	0.3	-0.8	2.3
Employment part-time	113.6	113.2	3.3	-0.4	3.3	-5.2	-0.4	3.0	-4.4
Unemployment	30.5	29.4	2.2	-1.1	0.1	-1.6	-3.6	0.3	-5.2
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	755.8	755.8	...	0.0	-1.8	-3.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Labour force	515.2	515.2	2.6	0.0	-5.7	5.1	0.0	-1.1	1.0
Employment	487.1	486.1	2.7	-1.0	-5.6	3.8	-0.2	-1.1	0.8
Employment full-time	386.3	387.2	3.2	0.9	-2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.7	0.7
Employment part-time	100.8	98.9	3.0	-1.9	-2.7	1.1	-1.9	-2.7	1.1
Unemployment	28.1	29.1	1.9	1.0	-0.1	1.3	3.6	-0.3	4.7
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.3	0.0	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,475.4	2,478.6	...	3.2	33.5	51.5	0.1	1.4	2.1
Labour force	1,814.2	1,818.3	7.5	4.1	22.5	34.2	0.2	1.3	1.9
Employment	1,725.4	1,724.8	8.0	-0.6	17.3	34.0	0.0	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	1,409.5	1,413.9	10.0	4.4	13.9	29.3	0.3	1.0	2.1
Employment part-time	315.9	310.9	8.6	-5.0	3.5	4.7	-1.6	1.1	1.5
Unemployment	88.8	93.5	5.8	4.7	5.1	0.3	5.3	5.8	0.3
Participation rate	73.3	73.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,367.8	3,370.9	...	3.1	27.8	39.6	0.1	0.8	1.2
Labour force	2,206.2	2,216.4	10.8	10.2	39.5	48.7	0.5	1.8	2.2
Employment	2,016.4	2,023.3	10.9	6.9	28.7	21.7	0.3	1.4	1.1
Employment full-time	1,569.2	1,560.4	13.2	-8.8	45.7	15.9	-0.6	3.0	1.0
Employment part-time	447.2	462.9	11.9	15.7	-17.0	5.8	3.5	-3.5	1.3
Unemployment	189.8	193.1	8.9	3.3	10.8	27.0	1.7	5.9	16.3
Participation rate	65.5	65.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...

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

Table 4

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	438.5	438.6	...	0.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	258.8	260.3	2.6	1.5	-1.8	2.7	0.6	-0.7	1.0
Employment	217.8	219.6	2.5	1.8	6.1	3.5	0.8	2.9	1.6
Employment full-time	186.2	189.3	2.6	3.1	8.4	8.8	1.7	4.6	4.9
Unemployment	41.0	40.7	2.3	-0.3	-7.9	-0.8	-0.7	-16.3	-1.9
Participation rate	59.0	59.3	0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	15.6	0.8	-0.2	-2.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.7	50.1	0.6	0.4	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.5	13.8	0.9	-0.7	-1.5	-2.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	73.1	72.9	...	-0.2	-1.5	-2.4	-0.3	-2.0	-3.2
Labour force	39.5	40.5	1.3	1.0	-1.6	0.3	2.5	-3.8	0.7
Employment	30.8	31.4	1.3	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.3	0.6
Unemployment	8.7	9.1	1.1	0.4	-1.5	0.1	4.6	-14.2	1.1
Participation rate	54.0	55.6	1.8	1.6	-1.0	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.0	22.5	2.5	0.5	-2.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.1	43.1	1.7	1.0	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.5	31.5	3.5	-12.0	-13.2	-9.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	178.2	178.3	...	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	117.1	115.2	1.5	-1.9	-3.7	-1.3	-1.6	-3.1	-1.1
Employment	98.4	96.6	1.5	-1.8	0.2	-1.0	-1.8	0.2	-1.0
Unemployment	18.7	18.7	1.5	0.0	-3.8	-0.1	0.0	-16.9	-0.5
Participation rate	65.7	64.6	0.8	-1.1	-2.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.0	16.2	1.2	0.2	-2.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	54.2	0.8	-1.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.4	4.5	0.9	1.1	1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.2	187.4	...	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	102.2	104.5	1.3	2.3	3.4	3.5	2.3	3.4	3.5
Employment	88.6	91.6	1.3	3.0	6.1	4.3	3.4	7.1	4.9
Unemployment	13.6	12.9	1.2	-0.7	-2.7	-0.8	-5.1	-17.3	-5.8
Participation rate	54.6	55.8	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	12.3	1.1	-1.0	-3.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.3	48.9	0.7	1.6	3.1	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	17.6	1.4	0.6	-0.1	-2.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	217.8	219.6	2.5	1.8	6.1	3.5	0.8	2.9	1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	43.7	44.7	1.7	1.0	1.3	-2.2	2.3	3.0	-4.7
Agriculture	1.4	1.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2	-21.4	-45.0	-15.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.2	15.6	0.9	0.4	3.0	1.2	2.6	23.8	8.3
Utilities	1.9	2.1	0.2	0.2	-0.4	-1.1	10.5	-16.0	-34.4
Construction	9.2	8.9	0.9	-0.3	-2.9	-1.7	-3.3	-24.6	-16.0
Manufacturing	15.9	17.0	1.1	1.1	2.5	-0.4	6.9	17.2	-2.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	174.1	174.9	2.1	0.8	4.8	5.6	0.5	2.8	3.3
Trade	35.7	36.3	1.2	0.6	-2.3	-1.5	1.7	-6.0	-4.0
Transportation and warehousing	13.3	13.5	0.7	0.2	1.3	2.1	1.5	10.7	18.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.1	7.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-12.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.1	8.1	0.6	-1.0	0.4	-1.2	-11.0	5.2	-12.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	7.7	8.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	-1.3	11.7	11.7	-13.1
Educational services	16.6	16.2	0.8	-0.4	-1.3	-1.1	-2.4	-7.4	-6.4
Health care and social assistance	33.2	32.2	1.0	-1.0	-0.6	1.7	-3.0	-1.8	5.6
Information, culture and recreation	8.1	8.6	0.6	0.5	2.7	1.6	6.2	45.8	22.9
Accommodation and food services	14.1	14.4	0.9	0.3	0.9	2.7	2.1	6.7	23.1
Other services	12.3	13.6	0.8	1.3	2.3	2.6	10.6	20.4	23.6
Public administration	16.9	16.5	0.7	-0.4	0.6	1.2	-2.4	3.8	7.8

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

Table 5

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	113.4	113.4	...	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.8	1.2
Labour force	77.7	77.7	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.8	0.0	2.0	1.0
Employment	69.5	69.7	0.7	0.2	1.8	2.3	0.3	2.7	3.4
Employment full-time	58.0	58.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.4	1.4	4.1	4.3
Unemployment	8.1	8.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5	-1.2	-3.6	-15.8
Participation rate	68.5	68.5	0.6	0.0	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.3	0.8	-0.1	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.5	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	15.6	0.9	-0.9	-1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.0
Labour force	14.2	14.2	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.7
Employment	12.4	12.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	2.4	2.4	5.8
Unemployment	1.8	1.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-16.7	-21.1	-31.8
Participation rate	70.3	70.3	1.9	0.0	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	10.6	2.3	-2.1	-2.7	-5.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	62.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.3	35.4	3.2	-4.9	-2.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.0	45.0	...	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.9	1.4
Labour force	33.0	32.9	0.4	-0.1	1.1	0.4	-0.3	3.5	1.2
Employment	29.5	29.1	0.4	-0.4	0.9	0.7	-1.4	3.2	2.5
Unemployment	3.5	3.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.3	8.6	5.6	-7.3
Participation rate	73.3	73.1	0.8	-0.2	1.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.6	1.1	1.0	0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	64.7	0.9	-0.9	1.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	5.2	1.0	0.4	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.2	48.3	...	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.2	1.0	1.5
Labour force	30.5	30.6	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3	2.0	1.3
Employment	27.6	27.9	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	2.2	3.3
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-6.9	-3.6	-15.6
Participation rate	63.3	63.4	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	8.8	1.2	-0.7	-0.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	17.9	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	69.5	69.7	0.7	0.2	1.8	2.3	0.3	2.7	3.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	16.7	16.9	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-1.5	1.2	-2.3	-8.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.6	3.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	-5.6	3.0	-12.8
Utilities	2.8	2.7	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-3.6	8.0	0.0
Construction	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-25.0	0.0	-25.0
Manufacturing	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-12.5	-2.3
Services-producing sector	5.7	6.2	0.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.8	8.8	-3.1	-11.4
Services-producing sector									
Trade	52.8	52.8	0.7	0.0	2.2	3.8	0.0	4.3	7.8
Transportation and warehousing	10.8	10.3	0.4	-0.5	0.8	0.6	-4.6	8.4	6.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	3.6	11.5	26.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.6	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.6	3.8	42.1	28.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.7	2.9	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	7.4	-6.5	3.6
Educational services	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.1	4.2	-10.7	4.2
Health care and social assistance	5.2	4.9	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-5.8	0.0	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	8.2	8.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.2	6.5
Accommodation and food services	2.7	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	7.4	3.6	3.6
Other services	5.0	5.0	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-2.0	-3.8
Public administration	3.5	3.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	5.7	5.7	12.1
Public administration	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.1	2.9	11.1	18.6

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

Table 6

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	760.1	760.7	...	0.6	3.0	4.4	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	478.4	483.8	2.9	5.4	6.9	7.5	1.1	1.4	1.6
Employment	434.2	432.9	3.2	-1.3	0.6	3.0	-0.3	0.1	0.7
Employment full-time	351.5	349.4	3.6	-2.1	2.0	1.4	-0.6	0.6	0.4
Unemployment	44.1	51.0	2.7	6.9	6.4	4.6	15.6	14.3	9.9
Participation rate	62.9	63.6	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	10.5	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.3	0.7	0.2	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.8	123.8	...	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	82.8	83.1	1.8	0.3	2.6	3.1	0.4	3.2	3.9
Employment	68.4	65.7	1.8	-2.7	-1.0	-0.9	-3.9	-1.5	-1.4
Unemployment	14.4	17.5	1.6	3.1	3.7	4.1	21.5	26.8	30.6
Participation rate	66.9	67.1	1.5	0.2	1.9	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.4	21.1	1.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	53.1	1.5	-2.2	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.9	45.1	2.4	0.2	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	303.7	304.1	...	0.4	1.5	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.8
Labour force	209.1	213.1	1.7	4.0	3.9	4.7	1.9	1.9	2.3
Employment	192.6	191.8	1.8	-0.8	0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.0
Unemployment	16.5	21.2	1.6	4.7	3.2	4.6	28.5	17.8	27.7
Participation rate	68.9	70.1	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	9.9	0.8	2.0	1.3	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	6.7	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	332.6	332.9	...	0.3	1.3	1.9	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	186.4	187.6	1.5	1.2	0.4	-0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.1
Employment	173.2	175.4	1.6	2.2	1.0	3.9	1.3	0.6	2.3
Unemployment	13.2	12.2	1.5	-1.0	-0.6	-4.2	-7.6	-4.7	-25.6
Participation rate	56.0	56.4	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.5	0.8	-0.6	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.1	52.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	23.3	1.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	434.2	432.9	3.2	-1.3	0.6	3.0	-0.3	0.1	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	98.1	94.4	2.2	-3.7	-0.5	-2.4	-3.8	-0.5	-2.5
Agriculture	5.7	6.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.4	12.3	3.2	6.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	14.4	13.2	0.9	-1.2	-2.1	-1.2	-8.3	-13.7	-8.3
Utilities	2.8	2.8	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-3.4	3.7
Construction	25.3	23.7	1.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.4	-6.3	-5.2	-5.6
Manufacturing	50.0	48.3	1.5	-1.7	2.7	-0.2	-3.4	5.9	-0.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	336.1	338.4	3.0	2.3	0.9	5.3	0.7	0.3	1.6
Trade	75.1	74.1	1.7	-1.0	-1.3	-1.9	-1.3	-1.7	-2.5
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	20.7	1.0	0.6	1.4	1.9	3.0	7.3	10.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.1	21.6	0.9	-0.5	-0.4	-1.3	-2.3	-1.8	-5.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.5	18.6	0.9	0.1	-2.2	0.3	0.5	-10.6	1.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.6	23.2	1.1	-0.4	1.5	1.8	-1.7	6.9	8.4
Educational services	30.6	31.8	1.3	1.2	-2.7	-0.5	3.9	-7.8	-1.5
Health care and social assistance	54.1	54.0	1.3	-0.1	2.3	1.5	-0.2	4.4	2.9
Information, culture and recreation	16.0	17.2	1.0	1.2	0.1	-0.9	7.5	0.6	-5.0
Accommodation and food services	28.8	30.8	1.3	2.0	2.5	1.4	6.9	8.8	4.8
Other services	20.2	18.2	1.1	-2.0	-4.2	-1.8	-9.9	-18.8	-9.0
Public administration	27.1	28.3	1.0	1.2	4.4	4.9	4.4	18.4	20.9

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

Table 7

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	609.7	610.0	...	0.3	1.5	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	385.7	381.0	2.5	-4.7	-9.2	-3.0	-1.2	-2.4	-0.8
Employment	345.3	338.6	2.6	-6.7	-11.4	-5.3	-1.9	-3.3	-1.5
Employment full-time	291.7	286.4	2.9	-5.3	-9.4	-3.0	-1.8	-3.2	-1.0
Unemployment	40.4	42.4	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	5.0	5.5	5.7
Participation rate	63.3	62.5	0.4	-0.8	-1.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	11.1	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	55.5	0.4	-1.1	-2.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	15.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.5	97.4	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Labour force	62.4	60.3	1.3	-2.1	-4.7	-3.1	-3.4	-7.2	-4.9
Employment	52.0	48.3	1.3	-3.7	-7.1	-5.1	-7.1	-12.8	-9.6
Unemployment	10.4	12.0	1.1	1.6	2.5	2.0	15.4	26.3	20.0
Participation rate	64.0	61.9	1.4	-2.1	-4.6	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.7	19.9	1.6	3.2	5.3	4.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	49.6	1.3	-3.7	-7.0	-4.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.0	38.9	2.2	-0.1	6.3	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.6	247.8	...	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	171.7	170.2	1.5	-1.5	-3.0	-1.4	-0.9	-1.7	-0.8
Employment	153.3	151.1	1.6	-2.2	-3.2	-2.2	-1.4	-2.1	-1.4
Unemployment	18.4	19.1	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.7	3.8	1.1	3.8
Participation rate	69.3	68.7	0.6	-0.6	-1.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	11.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.0	0.7	-0.9	-1.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	4.9	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	264.6	264.8	...	0.2	1.2	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	151.6	150.5	1.3	-1.1	-1.5	1.5	-0.7	-1.0	1.0
Employment	139.9	139.2	1.3	-0.7	-1.0	1.9	-0.5	-0.7	1.4
Unemployment	11.6	11.3	1.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-2.6	-4.2	-3.4
Participation rate	57.3	56.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.9	52.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.7	1.1	0.5	-2.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	345.3	338.6	2.6	-6.7	-11.4	-5.3	-1.9	-3.3	-1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	81.4	77.5	1.8	-3.9	-2.1	-0.3	-4.8	-2.6	-0.4
Agriculture	5.3	4.6	0.5	-0.7	-1.9	0.5	-13.2	-29.2	12.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.0	10.3	0.8	-1.7	-0.8	-0.5	-14.2	-7.2	-4.6
Utilities	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	5.6	-5.0	-17.4
Construction	18.1	17.4	1.0	-0.7	-2.2	-2.1	-3.9	-11.2	-10.8
Manufacturing	42.4	41.6	1.2	-0.8	3.1	2.9	-1.9	8.1	7.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	263.9	261.1	2.3	-2.8	-9.3	-5.0	-1.1	-3.4	-1.9
Trade	52.7	52.0	1.3	-0.7	-1.9	-1.5	-1.3	-3.5	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	18.0	19.7	0.8	1.7	0.0	0.2	9.4	0.0	1.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.3	13.9	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-2.8	-3.5	-9.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.8	14.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.1	0.2	-1.4	-7.0	1.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	21.8	21.3	1.0	-0.5	-2.0	0.4	-2.3	-8.6	1.9
Educational services	22.9	22.9	0.8	0.0	1.6	2.0	0.0	7.5	9.6
Health care and social assistance	45.1	45.0	1.0	-0.1	1.3	1.4	-0.2	3.0	3.2
Information, culture and recreation	12.8	12.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-3.1	-3.9	-4.6
Accommodation and food services	23.1	21.8	1.0	-1.3	-4.0	-2.6	-5.6	-15.5	-10.7
Other services	18.3	17.3	0.8	-1.0	-0.6	-1.6	-5.5	-3.4	-8.5
Public administration	20.1	20.2	0.7	0.1	-1.5	-1.4	0.5	-6.9	-6.5

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

Table 8

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,084.6	6,088.1	...	3.5	33.0	49.0	0.1	0.5	0.8
Labour force	4,000.5	4,022.2	15.6	21.7	30.5	90.3	0.5	0.8	2.3
Employment	3,634.6	3,621.4	15.8	-13.2	-32.7	26.6	-0.4	-0.9	0.7
Employment full-time	2,989.1	2,970.5	18.5	-18.6	-14.7	16.5	-0.6	-0.5	0.6
Unemployment	365.8	400.8	13.4	35.0	63.2	63.7	9.6	18.7	18.9
Participation rate	65.7	66.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	10.0	0.3	0.9	1.5	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	18.0	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	951.0	950.5	...	-0.5	-3.9	-5.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6
Labour force	641.2	653.2	8.7	12.0	14.6	22.5	1.9	2.3	3.6
Employment	556.7	557.7	8.6	1.0	1.7	21.3	0.2	0.3	4.0
Unemployment	84.5	95.6	7.3	11.1	13.0	1.3	13.1	15.7	1.4
Participation rate	67.4	68.7	0.9	1.3	1.8	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	14.6	1.1	1.4	1.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.7	0.9	0.2	0.4	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.0	44.1	1.5	2.1	-0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,502.9	2,504.9	...	2.0	18.2	27.4	0.1	0.7	1.1
Labour force	1,830.7	1,840.5	8.4	9.8	6.8	25.7	0.5	0.4	1.4
Employment	1,665.9	1,666.7	9.2	0.8	-23.8	-7.4	0.0	-1.4	-0.4
Unemployment	164.9	173.8	8.0	8.9	30.7	33.1	5.4	21.5	23.5
Participation rate	73.1	73.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.5	0.4	-0.1	-1.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,630.7	2,632.6	...	1.9	18.6	27.2	0.1	0.7	1.0
Labour force	1,528.5	1,528.5	8.9	0.0	9.1	42.1	0.0	0.6	2.8
Employment	1,412.0	1,397.0	9.0	-15.0	-10.5	12.7	-1.1	-0.7	0.9
Unemployment	116.5	131.5	7.6	15.0	19.6	29.4	12.9	17.5	28.8
Participation rate	58.1	58.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	8.6	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	53.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.4	21.3	0.7	0.0	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,634.6	3,621.4	15.8	-13.2	-32.7	26.6	-0.4	-0.9	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	930.3	919.5	11.5	-10.8	-43.3	-38.7	-1.2	-4.5	-4.0
Agriculture	56.3	53.7	2.7	-2.6	-13.4	-8.8	-4.6	-20.0	-14.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.7	37.0	2.5	-2.7	-1.4	-6.2	-6.8	-3.6	-14.4
Utilities	28.3	29.5	1.7	1.2	-1.7	0.1	4.2	-5.4	0.3
Construction	165.2	167.4	5.9	2.2	6.7	1.6	1.3	4.2	1.0
Manufacturing	640.9	631.9	9.7	-9.0	-33.4	-25.5	-1.4	-5.0	-3.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,704.3	2,701.9	15.9	-2.4	10.6	65.3	-0.1	0.4	2.5
Trade	598.1	603.9	10.1	5.8	3.9	31.3	1.0	0.6	5.5
Transportation and warehousing	163.4	168.2	5.2	4.8	11.4	18.9	2.9	7.3	12.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	185.8	185.1	5.6	-0.7	2.0	0.1	-0.4	1.1	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	204.4	205.9	6.4	1.5	-18.2	-13.8	0.7	-8.1	-6.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	114.9	110.0	5.6	-4.9	-13.0	-20.0	-4.3	-10.6	-15.4
Educational services	251.0	241.6	6.1	-9.4	-5.5	0.3	-3.7	-2.2	0.1
Health care and social assistance	431.8	422.5	7.2	-9.3	4.1	17.1	-2.2	1.0	4.2
Information, culture and recreation	157.8	151.7	5.9	-6.1	-2.0	-12.0	-3.9	-1.3	-7.3
Accommodation and food services	217.7	225.0	6.6	7.3	10.6	24.6	3.4	4.9	12.3
Other services	166.6	167.5	5.7	0.9	0.3	7.4	0.5	0.2	4.6
Public administration	212.8	220.5	5.1	7.7	17.0	11.4	3.6	8.4	5.5

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

Table 9

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,790.3	9,800.9	...	10.6	97.2	149.1	0.1	1.0	1.5
Labour force	6,704.2	6,691.5	17.8	-12.7	58.4	128.6	-0.2	0.9	2.0
Employment	6,219.1	6,213.2	18.5	-5.9	47.2	119.5	-0.1	0.8	2.0
Employment full-time	5,060.1	5,061.8	22.0	1.7	22.0	59.0	0.0	0.4	1.2
Unemployment	485.1	478.3	14.5	-6.8	11.2	9.1	-1.4	2.4	1.9
Participation rate	68.5	68.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	18.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,599.1	1,601.2	...	2.1	18.4	28.5	0.1	1.2	1.8
Labour force	1,057.4	1,056.4	10.8	-1.0	-2.0	5.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.5
Employment	896.3	895.6	10.4	-0.7	-14.1	-9.0	-0.1	-1.5	-1.0
Unemployment	161.1	160.7	9.1	-0.4	11.9	14.5	-0.2	8.0	9.9
Participation rate	66.1	66.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	15.2	0.8	0.0	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.9	0.7	-0.2	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.4	49.7	1.0	0.3	1.9	1.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,980.0	3,983.9	...	3.9	37.0	58.7	0.1	0.9	1.5
Labour force	3,020.7	3,020.4	9.0	-0.3	29.3	56.9	0.0	1.0	1.9
Employment	2,846.3	2,849.0	10.1	2.7	33.4	53.3	0.1	1.2	1.9
Unemployment	174.4	171.4	8.3	-3.0	-4.0	3.6	-1.7	-2.3	2.1
Participation rate	75.9	75.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,211.2	4,215.7	...	4.5	41.8	61.8	0.1	1.0	1.5
Labour force	2,626.1	2,614.8	10.6	-11.3	31.2	66.3	-0.4	1.2	2.6
Employment	2,476.5	2,468.6	10.9	-7.9	27.9	75.2	-0.3	1.1	3.1
Unemployment	149.6	146.2	8.2	-3.4	3.3	-8.9	-2.3	2.3	-5.7
Participation rate	62.4	62.0	0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	22.1	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,219.1	6,213.2	18.5	-5.9	47.2	119.5	-0.1	0.8	2.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,638.4	1,654.9	14.3	16.5	-1.3	-11.6	1.0	-0.1	-0.7
Agriculture	83.8	83.3	3.6	-0.5	1.4	2.4	-0.6	1.7	3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.8	30.8	1.7	0.0	-1.4	-4.0	0.0	-4.3	-11.5
Utilities	55.9	58.3	2.5	2.4	7.9	5.9	4.3	15.7	11.3
Construction	389.0	391.6	7.9	2.6	18.2	41.0	0.7	4.9	11.7
Manufacturing	1,079.0	1,090.8	12.4	11.8	-27.4	-57.1	1.1	-2.5	-5.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,580.7	4,558.4	19.3	-22.3	48.6	131.2	-0.5	1.1	3.0
Trade	929.6	927.3	11.1	-2.3	-9.4	3.3	-0.2	-1.0	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	282.1	279.9	6.7	-2.2	2.5	-10.1	-0.8	0.9	-3.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	435.7	435.2	7.4	-0.5	26.0	30.7	-0.1	6.4	7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	460.2	439.7	8.5	-20.5	-5.1	10.1	-4.5	-1.1	2.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	266.9	257.1	7.6	-9.8	-1.2	10.3	-3.7	-0.5	4.2
Educational services	368.3	375.8	7.2	7.5	-21.1	-2.1	2.0	-5.3	-0.6
Health care and social assistance	608.5	610.9	7.5	2.4	25.8	44.8	0.4	4.4	7.9
Information, culture and recreation	291.1	296.3	7.0	5.2	16.9	6.4	1.8	6.0	2.2
Accommodation and food services	372.7	366.3	8.1	-6.4	-12.4	3.3	-1.7	-3.3	0.9
Other services	259.8	261.2	6.8	1.4	12.1	11.1	0.5	4.9	4.4
Public administration	305.8	308.7	5.7	2.9	14.4	23.4	0.9	4.9	8.2

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

Table 10

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	868.4	868.8	...	0.4	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	601.5	601.3	2.8	-0.2	-0.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Employment	571.1	572.0	2.9	0.9	-0.1	5.2	0.2	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	457.4	458.7	3.6	1.3	-3.6	10.3	0.3	-0.8	2.3
Unemployment	30.5	29.4	2.2	-1.1	0.1	-1.6	-3.6	0.3	-5.2
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.8	0.6	-0.1	0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	150.1	150.1	...	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.4
Labour force	108.4	108.0	1.7	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7
Employment	97.9	98.0	1.7	0.1	-0.7	0.7	0.1	-0.7	0.7
Unemployment	10.5	10.0	1.3	-0.5	-0.1	-1.6	-4.8	-1.0	-13.8
Participation rate	72.2	72.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.3	1.2	-0.4	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.3	1.2	0.1	-0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.9	43.2	1.8	-0.8	-0.9	-2.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	350.7	350.8	...	0.1	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	267.0	265.6	1.5	-1.4	-1.3	2.1	-0.5	-0.5	0.8
Employment	254.5	255.7	1.5	1.2	-0.8	3.2	0.5	-0.3	1.3
Unemployment	12.5	9.9	1.2	-2.6	-0.5	-1.1	-20.8	-4.8	-10.0
Participation rate	76.1	75.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	3.7	0.5	-1.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.6	72.9	0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.9	0.6	0.5	1.9	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	367.6	367.8	...	0.2	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.4
Labour force	226.2	227.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	1.1
Employment	218.7	218.3	1.6	-0.4	1.4	1.3	-0.2	0.6	0.6
Unemployment	7.5	9.5	1.1	2.0	0.7	1.1	26.7	8.0	13.1
Participation rate	61.5	61.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	4.2	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.4	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.8	24.4	1.0	-0.4	-0.3	-2.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	571.1	572.0	2.9	0.9	-0.1	5.2	0.2	0.0	0.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	142.8	141.1	2.1	-1.7	3.0	5.2	-1.2	2.2	3.8
Agriculture	31.8	30.9	1.1	-0.9	-1.3	-0.5	-2.8	-4.0	-1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.6	5.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-1.8	-3.4
Utilities	7.2	7.2	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.0	16.1	9.1
Construction	28.0	28.6	1.1	0.6	2.5	1.9	2.1	9.6	7.1
Manufacturing	70.2	68.7	1.5	-1.5	0.7	3.2	-2.1	1.0	4.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	428.3	430.9	3.0	2.6	-3.1	0.1	0.6	-0.7	0.0
Trade	83.4	84.0	1.8	0.6	-0.1	-1.5	0.7	-0.1	-1.8
Transportation and warehousing	33.3	34.3	1.1	1.0	-0.6	-0.7	3.0	-1.7	-2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.5	29.0	0.9	0.5	1.5	0.3	1.8	5.5	1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.2	23.5	1.0	1.3	0.2	-0.2	5.9	0.9	-0.8
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	19.8	19.5	1.0	-0.3	-1.3	0.8	-1.5	-6.2	4.3
Educational services	42.7	41.7	1.2	-1.0	-1.4	-3.6	-2.3	-3.2	-7.9
Health care and social assistance	74.4	73.1	1.3	-1.3	-4.5	-1.2	-1.7	-5.8	-1.6
Information, culture and recreation	22.3	22.2	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-2.1	-0.4	-0.4	-8.6
Accommodation and food services	39.7	38.7	1.4	-1.0	-0.7	3.9	-2.5	-1.8	11.2
Other services	29.7	29.7	1.1	0.0	0.7	3.7	0.0	2.4	14.2
Public administration	32.3	35.3	1.0	3.0	3.4	0.8	9.3	10.7	2.3

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	755.8	755.8	...	0.0	-1.8	-3.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Labour force	515.2	515.2	2.6	0.0	-5.7	5.1	0.0	-1.1	1.0
Employment	487.1	486.1	2.7	-1.0	-5.6	3.8	-0.2	-1.1	0.8
Employment full-time	386.3	387.2	3.2	0.9	-2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.7	0.7
Unemployment	28.1	29.1	1.9	1.0	-0.1	1.3	3.6	-0.3	4.7
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.3	0.0	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	20.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.5	138.4	...	-0.1	-1.2	-2.3	-0.1	-0.9	-1.6
Labour force	93.3	94.0	1.6	0.7	-1.9	0.9	0.8	-2.0	1.0
Employment	83.4	84.3	1.6	0.9	-2.4	0.6	1.1	-2.8	0.7
Unemployment	9.9	9.7	1.3	-0.2	0.5	0.3	-2.0	5.4	3.2
Participation rate	67.4	67.9	1.1	0.5	-0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.3	1.3	-0.3	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.9	1.2	0.7	-1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	40.9	1.7	-4.3	-2.3	0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.0	301.0	...	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	227.2	227.1	1.3	-0.1	-2.8	-1.2	0.0	-1.2	-0.5
Employment	216.3	215.2	1.4	-1.1	-2.5	-1.9	-0.5	-1.1	-0.9
Unemployment	10.9	12.0	1.1	1.1	-0.2	0.9	10.1	-1.6	8.1
Participation rate	75.5	75.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.3	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.9	71.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.2	0.6	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.4	316.4	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	194.7	194.1	1.4	-0.6	-0.9	5.4	-0.3	-0.5	2.9
Employment	187.5	186.6	1.5	-0.9	-0.6	5.2	-0.5	-0.3	2.9
Unemployment	7.2	7.5	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.2	4.2	-3.8	2.7
Participation rate	61.5	61.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.9	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.5	26.2	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	487.1	486.1	2.7	-1.0	-5.6	3.8	-0.2	-1.1	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	119.5	119.6	2.1	0.1	-7.9	-6.2	0.1	-6.2	-4.9
Agriculture	45.7	46.0	1.4	0.3	-6.7	-5.1	0.7	-12.7	-10.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.6	17.3	0.8	-0.3	0.9	1.8	-1.7	5.5	11.6
Utilities	4.8	4.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.0	2.1	8.9	25.6
Construction	23.8	23.9	1.1	0.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.4	-4.4	-1.6
Manufacturing	27.7	27.5	1.0	-0.2	-1.3	-3.5	-0.7	-4.5	-11.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	367.6	366.5	2.6	-1.1	2.3	10.0	-0.3	0.6	2.8
Trade	76.6	77.5	1.5	0.9	-3.0	0.6	1.2	-3.7	0.8
Transportation and warehousing	24.4	23.9	0.9	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	-2.0	0.8	-1.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.1	26.9	0.8	-0.2	0.5	-1.1	-0.7	1.9	-3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.6	18.8	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.0	6.8	7.4	5.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	11.3	10.7	0.8	-0.6	-1.1	-0.2	-5.3	-9.3	-1.8
Educational services	39.4	41.2	1.2	1.8	0.7	4.1	4.6	1.7	11.1
Health care and social assistance	60.6	59.8	1.1	-0.8	1.6	1.0	-1.3	2.7	1.7
Information, culture and recreation	20.1	18.3	0.9	-1.8	-1.9	-1.5	-9.0	-9.4	-7.6
Accommodation and food services	37.0	35.6	1.3	-1.4	1.1	2.8	-3.8	3.2	8.5
Other services	26.1	25.8	0.9	-0.3	1.3	1.2	-1.1	5.3	4.9
Public administration	27.4	27.9	0.9	0.5	1.5	2.4	1.8	5.7	9.4

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

Table 12

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,475.4	2,478.6	...	3.2	33.5	51.5	0.1	1.4	2.1
Labour force	1,814.2	1,818.3	7.5	4.1	22.5	34.2	0.2	1.3	1.9
Employment	1,725.4	1,724.8	8.0	-0.6	17.3	34.0	0.0	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	1,409.5	1,413.9	10.0	4.4	13.9	29.3	0.3	1.0	2.1
Unemployment	88.8	93.5	5.8	4.7	5.1	0.3	5.3	5.8	0.3
Participation rate	73.3	73.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.0	0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	464.0	464.4	...	0.4	5.2	9.2	0.1	1.1	2.0
Labour force	343.0	338.7	4.9	-4.3	18.1	5.3	-1.3	5.6	1.6
Employment	308.7	308.6	5.0	-0.1	17.5	11.7	0.0	6.0	3.9
Unemployment	34.3	30.2	3.8	-4.1	0.7	-6.3	-12.0	2.4	-17.3
Participation rate	73.9	72.9	1.1	-1.0	3.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	8.9	1.1	-1.1	-0.3	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.5	1.1	0.0	3.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.4	39.5	1.6	0.1	2.5	1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,006.3	1,007.8	...	1.5	14.4	21.5	0.1	1.4	2.2
Labour force	816.9	823.8	3.5	6.9	9.1	20.0	0.8	1.1	2.5
Employment	787.4	790.1	4.1	2.7	9.8	20.3	0.3	1.3	2.6
Unemployment	29.4	33.7	3.3	4.3	-0.7	-0.4	14.6	-2.0	-1.2
Participation rate	81.2	81.7	0.4	0.5	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	4.1	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.2	78.4	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	5.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,005.1	1,006.4	...	1.3	13.9	20.8	0.1	1.4	2.1
Labour force	654.4	655.8	4.2	1.4	-4.7	8.9	0.2	-0.7	1.4
Employment	629.3	626.1	4.4	-3.2	-10.0	1.9	-0.5	-1.6	0.3
Unemployment	25.1	29.6	3.0	4.5	5.1	6.9	17.9	20.8	30.4
Participation rate	65.1	65.2	0.4	0.1	-1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.2	0.4	-0.4	-1.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.1	23.4	0.9	-0.8	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,725.4	1,724.8	8.0	-0.6	17.3	34.0	0.0	1.0	2.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	471.5	492.6	6.0	21.1	23.6	32.3	4.5	5.0	7.0
Agriculture	67.0	71.5	2.8	4.5	3.2	10.0	6.7	4.7	16.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	103.3	109.2	2.6	5.9	15.2	22.6	5.7	16.2	26.1
Utilities	13.9	12.6	1.0	-1.3	-3.4	-6.9	-9.4	-21.2	-35.4
Construction	144.3	157.8	4.1	13.5	17.0	15.2	9.4	12.1	10.7
Manufacturing	143.1	141.4	3.7	-1.7	-8.6	-8.7	-1.2	-5.7	-5.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,253.9	1,232.2	8.1	-21.7	-6.2	1.7	-1.7	-0.5	0.1
Trade	268.5	265.0	4.8	-3.5	17.7	17.6	-1.3	7.2	7.1
Transportation and warehousing	94.6	91.6	3.1	-3.0	-9.5	-8.1	-3.2	-9.4	-8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	85.9	86.7	2.6	0.8	3.8	-3.1	0.9	4.6	-3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	120.0	119.5	3.5	-0.5	-3.1	-5.8	-0.4	-2.5	-4.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	63.0	60.2	3.0	-2.8	-10.0	2.1	-4.4	-14.2	3.6
Educational services	109.6	109.4	2.9	-0.2	2.8	1.5	-0.2	2.6	1.4
Health care and social assistance	163.6	156.1	3.2	-7.5	-5.5	-5.6	-4.6	-3.4	-3.5
Information, culture and recreation	74.0	72.2	2.9	-1.8	-4.4	4.7	-2.4	-5.7	7.0
Accommodation and food services	118.1	117.0	3.7	-1.1	-2.0	-5.1	-0.9	-1.7	-4.2
Other services	84.5	81.9	2.8	-2.6	5.3	-3.7	-3.1	6.9	-4.3
Public administration	72.1	72.7	2.3	0.6	-1.2	7.3	0.8	-1.6	11.2

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 13

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,367.8	3,370.9	...	3.1	27.8	39.6	0.1	0.8	1.2
Labour force	2,206.2	2,216.4	10.8	10.2	39.5	48.7	0.5	1.8	2.2
Employment	2,016.4	2,023.3	10.9	6.9	28.7	21.7	0.3	1.4	1.1
Employment full-time	1,569.2	1,560.4	13.2	-8.8	45.7	15.9	-0.6	3.0	1.0
Unemployment	189.8	193.1	8.9	3.3	10.8	27.0	1.7	5.9	16.3
Participation rate	65.5	65.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.9	0.6	0.7	-1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	549.3	550.0	...	0.7	5.2	7.5	0.1	1.0	1.4
Labour force	347.1	348.0	6.1	0.9	-0.6	-4.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.2
Employment	288.7	290.5	5.6	1.8	-5.7	-12.6	0.6	-1.9	-4.2
Unemployment	58.4	57.6	5.0	-0.8	5.2	8.3	-1.4	9.9	16.8
Participation rate	63.2	63.3	1.1	0.1	-0.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.8	16.6	1.4	-0.2	1.6	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	52.8	1.0	0.2	-1.6	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.1	50.7	1.9	2.6	-3.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,374.3	1,375.3	...	1.0	9.7	14.1	0.1	0.7	1.0
Labour force	1,001.2	993.2	5.7	-8.0	16.6	19.2	-0.8	1.7	2.0
Employment	928.2	916.7	6.0	-11.5	12.3	7.1	-1.2	1.4	0.8
Unemployment	73.0	76.5	5.3	3.5	4.3	12.1	4.8	6.0	18.8
Participation rate	72.9	72.2	0.4	-0.7	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	66.7	0.4	-0.8	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.0	7.8	0.6	-1.2	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,444.2	1,445.6	...	1.4	12.8	18.0	0.1	0.9	1.3
Labour force	857.9	875.2	6.2	17.3	23.5	33.9	2.0	2.8	4.0
Employment	799.6	816.2	6.3	16.6	22.2	27.2	2.1	2.8	3.4
Unemployment	58.4	59.0	4.9	0.6	1.2	6.6	1.0	2.1	12.6
Participation rate	59.4	60.5	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	56.5	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	28.1	29.9	1.0	1.8	-0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,016.4	2,023.3	10.9	6.9	28.7	21.7	0.3	1.4	1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	425.6	419.5	7.0	-6.1	3.0	10.8	-1.4	0.7	2.6
Agriculture	33.0	33.6	2.4	0.6	-2.3	1.8	1.8	-6.4	5.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	50.8	42.3	2.6	-8.5	0.3	3.6	-16.7	0.7	9.3
Utilities	13.3	13.6	1.1	0.3	0.6	1.5	2.3	4.6	12.4
Construction	122.2	122.3	4.3	0.1	-1.6	-3.0	0.1	-1.3	-2.4
Manufacturing	206.4	207.6	4.7	1.2	6.0	6.7	0.6	3.0	3.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,590.8	1,603.8	10.7	13.0	25.7	10.8	0.8	1.6	0.7
Trade	321.5	316.3	6.1	-5.2	-8.6	-7.2	-1.6	-2.6	-2.2
Transportation and warehousing	109.5	113.8	3.9	4.3	-1.6	5.1	3.9	-1.4	4.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	121.7	123.3	3.8	1.6	-5.6	-0.2	1.3	-4.3	-0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	147.8	149.1	4.4	1.3	13.6	13.3	0.9	10.0	9.8
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	79.9	80.9	3.6	1.0	6.0	6.2	1.3	8.0	8.3
Educational services	144.5	145.8	4.2	1.3	7.6	-1.2	0.9	5.5	-0.8
Health care and social assistance	212.8	209.7	4.4	-3.1	-9.9	-8.3	-1.5	-4.5	-3.8
Information, culture and recreation	105.4	107.6	4.2	2.2	4.9	-10.5	2.1	4.8	-8.9
Accommodation and food services	160.0	168.8	4.9	8.8	6.9	1.8	5.5	4.3	1.1
Other services	96.1	98.8	4.0	2.7	6.9	8.2	2.8	7.5	9.1
Public administration	91.6	89.6	2.9	-2.0	5.4	3.5	-2.2	6.4	4.1

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 14

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	143.8	143.9	...	0.1	0.9	1.5	0.1	0.6	1.1
Labour force	98.8	98.5	0.8	-0.3	0.3	2.1	-0.3	0.3	2.2
Employment	89.9	89.7	0.9	-0.2	1.3	1.8	-0.2	1.5	2.0
Unemployment	9.0	8.7	0.5	-0.3	-1.1	0.2	-3.3	-11.2	2.4
Participation rate	68.7	68.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.8	0.5	-0.3	-1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	288.2	288.6	...	0.4	2.8	4.3	0.1	1.0	1.5
Labour force	201.9	203.2	1.3	1.3	6.3	3.7	0.6	3.2	1.9
Employment	188.8	188.7	1.3	-0.1	6.4	4.3	-0.1	3.5	2.3
Unemployment	13.1	14.5	0.8	1.4	-0.1	-0.6	10.7	-0.7	-4.0
Participation rate	70.1	70.4	0.4	0.3	1.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.1	0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.4	0.5	-0.1	1.6	0.5	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	100.9	100.9	...	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	64.7	64.0	0.6	-0.7	-4.2	-3.1	-1.1	-6.2	-4.6
Employment	58.3	57.8	0.7	-0.5	-5.5	-3.9	-0.9	-8.7	-6.3
Unemployment	6.4	6.2	0.3	-0.2	1.3	0.8	-3.1	26.5	14.8
Participation rate	64.1	63.4	0.6	-0.7	-4.1	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.7	0.5	-0.2	2.5	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.3	0.7	-0.5	-5.4	-3.9	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	130.7	130.6	...	-0.1	-0.9	-1.3	-0.1	-0.7	-1.0
Labour force	79.8	80.4	0.8	0.6	2.1	3.8	0.8	2.7	5.0
Employment	71.2	72.0	0.8	0.8	1.9	4.1	1.1	2.7	6.0
Unemployment	8.6	8.3	0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	-3.5	1.2	-4.6
Participation rate	61.1	61.6	0.6	0.5	2.1	3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	10.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	55.1	0.6	0.6	1.8	3.6	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	576.1	576.5	...	0.4	2.9	4.2	0.1	0.5	0.7
Labour force	390.3	392.3	2.8	2.0	12.7	5.9	0.5	3.3	1.5
Employment	368.4	371.3	3.0	2.9	14.4	7.3	0.8	4.0	2.0
Unemployment	21.9	21.0	1.5	-0.9	-1.7	-1.4	-4.1	-7.5	-6.2
Participation rate	67.7	68.0	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.4	0.5	0.5	2.2	0.8	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.5	117.5	...	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	72.2	71.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-1.2	-0.6	-0.7
Employment	64.2	63.2	0.7	-1.0	-1.9	-1.8	-1.6	-2.9	-2.8
Unemployment	8.0	8.1	0.4	0.1	1.5	1.3	1.2	22.7	19.1
Participation rate	61.4	60.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.4	0.6	0.3	2.2	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	53.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	128.2	128.3	...	0.1	0.9	1.4	0.1	0.7	1.1
Labour force	84.9	85.3	0.8	0.4	1.9	2.2	0.5	2.3	2.6
Employment	78.7	78.4	0.8	-0.3	1.4	1.0	-0.4	1.8	1.3
Unemployment	6.1	6.9	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.2	13.1	7.8	21.1
Participation rate	66.2	66.5	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	8.1	0.4	0.9	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.1	0.6	-0.3	0.7	0.1	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,902.0	2,905.3	...	3.3	26.1	39.9	0.1	0.9	1.4
Labour force	1,966.7	1,973.1	7.2	6.4	9.2	46.3	0.3	0.5	2.4
Employment	1,773.9	1,774.6	7.5	0.7	-29.1	7.8	0.0	-1.6	0.4
Unemployment	192.7	198.4	4.7	5.7	38.2	38.4	3.0	23.8	24.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.1	0.2	0.3	1.9	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.1	0.3	0.0	-1.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	912.4	914.0	...	1.6	12.3	19.3	0.2	1.4	2.2
Labour force	659.7	658.6	3.2	-1.1	22.6	34.7	-0.2	3.6	5.6
Employment	617.6	617.6	3.4	0.0	30.7	36.4	0.0	5.2	6.3
Unemployment	42.1	41.0	1.8	-1.1	-8.2	-1.7	-2.6	-16.7	-4.0
Participation rate	72.3	72.1	0.4	-0.2	1.6	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.2	0.3	-0.2	-1.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.6	0.4	-0.1	2.5	2.6	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,146.0	4,154.1	...	8.1	65.2	103.5	0.2	1.6	2.6
Labour force	2,913.5	2,911.3	8.3	-2.2	49.1	87.4	-0.1	1.7	3.1
Employment	2,671.9	2,665.9	8.7	-6.0	7.6	64.2	-0.2	0.3	2.5
Unemployment	241.6	245.4	5.2	3.8	41.5	23.2	1.6	20.4	10.4
Participation rate	70.3	70.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.4	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	564.7	565.3	...	0.6	3.8	6.1	0.1	0.7	1.1
Labour force	384.4	390.4	2.7	6.0	9.4	14.6	1.6	2.5	3.9
Employment	361.2	364.9	2.8	3.7	6.7	16.7	1.0	1.9	4.8
Unemployment	23.2	25.5	1.3	2.3	2.7	-2.1	9.9	11.8	-7.6
Participation rate	68.1	69.1	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	2.2	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	355.9	356.4	...	0.5	3.8	6.2	0.1	1.1	1.8
Labour force	249.8	248.9	1.6	-0.9	1.6	6.4	-0.4	0.6	2.6
Employment	233.6	233.2	1.6	-0.4	-1.4	3.5	-0.2	-0.6	1.5
Unemployment	16.2	15.7	0.8	-0.5	2.9	2.9	-3.1	22.7	22.7
Participation rate	70.2	69.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.3	0.3	-0.2	1.1	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.4	0.5	-0.2	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	347.3	347.6	...	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.1	0.4	0.7
Labour force	232.6	233.2	1.8	0.6	1.1	-0.7	0.3	0.5	-0.3
Employment	217.9	217.8	1.8	-0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	14.7	15.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	-1.1	4.8	4.1	-6.7
Participation rate	67.0	67.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	247.4	247.9	...	0.5	3.2	5.0	0.2	1.3	2.1
Labour force	184.6	184.7	1.1	0.1	11.9	17.6	0.1	6.9	10.5
Employment	174.6	174.9	1.1	0.3	12.7	17.7	0.2	7.8	11.3
Unemployment	10.0	9.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-2.0	-7.5	-1.0
Participation rate	74.6	74.5	0.5	-0.1	3.9	5.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	70.6	0.5	0.0	4.3	5.9	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	325.6	325.7	...	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	208.7	210.7	1.6	2.0	0.8	2.7	1.0	0.4	1.3
Employment	194.5	195.9	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.4	0.7	1.0	0.7
Unemployment	14.2	14.7	0.8	0.5	-1.1	1.3	3.5	-7.0	9.7
Participation rate	64.1	64.7	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	127.1	127.0	...	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7
Labour force	79.3	79.4	0.8	0.1	0.8	-2.8	0.1	1.0	-3.4
Employment	73.0	72.8	0.8	-0.2	0.5	-2.0	-0.3	0.7	-2.7
Unemployment	6.3	6.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.8	4.8	4.8	-10.8
Participation rate	62.4	62.5	0.6	0.1	0.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.3	0.6	-0.1	0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.7	100.6	...	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8
Labour force	68.5	68.1	0.6	-0.4	1.4	2.7	-0.6	2.1	4.1
Employment	64.6	64.3	0.6	-0.3	1.8	3.2	-0.5	2.9	5.2
Unemployment	3.9	3.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-2.6	-9.5	-11.6
Participation rate	68.0	67.7	0.6	-0.3	1.7	3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	63.9	0.5	-0.3	2.1	3.6	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	260.2	260.6	...	0.4	3.1	5.0	0.2	1.2	2.0
Labour force	174.4	175.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	2.0	0.6	0.2	1.2
Employment	161.5	162.9	1.4	1.4	0.7	4.7	0.9	0.4	3.0
Unemployment	12.9	12.5	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-2.7	-3.1	-3.1	-17.8
Participation rate	67.0	67.3	0.5	0.3	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.5	0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	541.1	541.5	...	0.4	2.5	3.0	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	383.7	383.1	1.3	-0.6	-3.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.9	0.0
Employment	365.8	364.7	1.3	-1.1	-1.3	0.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
Unemployment	17.9	18.4	0.8	0.5	-2.1	-0.8	2.8	-10.2	-4.2
Participation rate	70.9	70.7	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	155.9	155.9	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	112.1	112.3	0.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.8	0.2	-0.4	-1.6
Employment	106.0	105.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-2.3	-0.1	-0.8	-2.1
Unemployment	6.1	6.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	4.9	6.7	6.7
Participation rate	71.9	72.0	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	67.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	182.8	182.9	...	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
Labour force	128.9	128.3	0.8	-0.6	-2.2	1.7	-0.5	-1.7	1.3
Employment	121.7	121.1	0.8	-0.6	-1.2	2.2	-0.5	-1.0	1.9
Unemployment	7.1	7.2	0.4	0.1	-1.0	-0.5	1.4	-12.2	-6.5
Participation rate	70.5	70.1	0.4	-0.4	-1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	1.0	...	...	...

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	836.2	838.0	...	1.8	14.7	22.0	0.2	1.8	2.7
Labour force	628.2	630.5	3.0	2.3	12.6	7.9	0.4	2.0	1.3
Employment	597.4	600.8	3.3	3.4	17.2	14.9	0.6	2.9	2.5
Unemployment	30.7	29.7	1.7	-1.0	-4.6	-7.0	-3.3	-13.4	-19.1
Participation rate	75.1	75.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.7	0.4	0.3	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	782.6	783.8	...	1.2	9.0	13.8	0.2	1.2	1.8
Labour force	562.8	563.4	2.7	0.6	6.2	8.2	0.1	1.1	1.5
Employment	533.7	534.6	2.8	0.9	4.4	7.7	0.2	0.8	1.5
Unemployment	29.2	28.8	1.3	-0.4	1.8	0.4	-1.4	6.7	1.4
Participation rate	71.9	71.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.1	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.2	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,775.9	1,778.8	...	2.9	21.7	33.6	0.2	1.2	1.9
Labour force	1,190.8	1,200.5	4.7	9.7	6.9	31.7	0.8	0.6	2.7
Employment	1,098.5	1,105.6	4.8	7.1	8.4	20.1	0.6	0.8	1.9
Unemployment	92.3	95.0	3.0	2.7	-1.3	11.7	2.9	-1.3	14.0
Participation rate	67.1	67.5	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.9	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.2	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	261.1	261.2	...	0.1	1.6	1.8	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	164.6	165.8	1.6	1.2	4.3	4.9	0.7	2.7	3.0
Employment	153.2	154.9	1.7	1.7	4.4	4.7	1.1	2.9	3.1
Unemployment	11.4	10.9	0.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	-4.4	-0.9	2.8
Participation rate	63.0	63.5	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	59.3	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.4	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	July 2003	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,905.5	2,908.1	...	2.6	26.0	40.1	0.1	0.9	1.4
Labour force	1,958.7	1,987.6	15.6	28.9	5.2	55.2	1.5	0.3	2.9
Employment	1,775.4	1,769.9	15.8	-5.5	-45.1	1.0	-0.3	-2.5	0.1
Unemployment	183.3	217.7	11.6	34.4	50.3	54.2	18.8	30.0	33.1
Participation rate	67.4	68.3	0.5	0.9	-0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	11.0	0.6	1.6	2.6	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	60.9	0.5	-0.2	-2.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,154.2	4,161.1	...	6.9	65.2	101.6	0.2	1.6	2.5
Labour force	2,914.0	2,899.6	17.7	-14.4	31.2	52.5	-0.5	1.1	1.8
Employment	2,668.9	2,654.3	18.3	-14.6	-13.9	48.8	-0.5	-0.5	1.9
Unemployment	245.1	245.3	12.2	0.2	45.1	3.7	0.1	22.5	1.5
Participation rate	70.1	69.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	63.8	0.5	-0.4	-1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,778.9	1,781.4	...	2.5	22.1	32.8	0.1	1.3	1.9
Labour force	1,207.5	1,208.8	10.4	1.3	16.1	40.5	0.1	1.3	3.5
Employment	1,102.2	1,113.8	10.2	11.6	17.5	20.3	1.1	1.6	1.9
Unemployment	105.3	94.9	7.2	-10.4	-1.5	20.0	-9.9	-1.6	26.7
Participation rate	67.9	67.9	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.9	0.6	-0.8	-0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.0	...	...	...

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

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

	August	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	24,962.0	17,075.3	15,795.0	1,280.3	68.4	7.5	63.3
	2003	25,263.1	17,423.7	16,071.3	1,352.5	69.0	7.8	63.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	438.8	274.7	234.3	40.4	62.6	14.7	53.4
	2003	438.6	277.9	239.0	39.0	63.4	14.0	54.5
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	207.1	133.4	118.5	14.9	64.4	11.2	57.2
	2003	208.6	136.8	119.9	16.8	65.6	12.3	57.5
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.3	21.6	17.0	4.7	57.9	21.8	45.6
	2003	36.6	20.2	16.6	3.7	55.2	18.3	45.4
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.1	61.3	51.2	10.1	65.1	16.5	54.4
	2003	93.8	61.5	53.2	8.3	65.6	13.5	56.7
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.2	58.4	47.7	10.7	58.3	18.3	47.6
	2003	99.6	59.4	49.3	10.1	59.6	17.0	49.5
Prince Edward Island	2002	111.9	80.5	73.0	7.5	71.9	9.3	65.2
	2003	113.4	82.8	76.5	6.2	73.0	7.5	67.5
Nova Scotia	2002	755.9	488.4	443.7	44.7	64.6	9.2	58.7
	2003	760.1	495.7	450.5	45.2	65.2	9.1	59.3
210 Cape Breton	2002	120.7	67.2	56.6	10.6	55.7	15.8	46.9
	2003	119.7	67.3	56.5	10.8	56.2	16.0	47.2
220 North Shore	2002	133.2	81.1	73.3	7.8	60.9	9.6	55.0
	2003	133.3	84.2	76.6	7.7	63.2	9.1	57.5
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.5	65.9	61.0	5.0	64.9	7.6	60.1
	2003	102.1	63.7	58.0	5.7	62.4	8.9	56.8
240 Southern	2002	104.1	65.3	59.3	6.0	62.7	9.2	57.0
	2003	104.4	67.1	60.6	6.5	64.3	9.7	58.0
250 Halifax	2002	296.3	208.8	193.5	15.3	70.5	7.3	65.3
	2003	300.6	213.5	198.9	14.6	71.0	6.8	66.2
New Brunswick	2002	607.7	401.0	364.1	36.9	66.0	9.2	59.9
	2003	609.7	402.0	362.7	39.3	65.9	9.8	59.5
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	145.9	86.4	74.7	11.7	59.2	13.5	51.2
	2003	144.9	85.7	72.5	13.2	59.1	15.4	50.0
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	153.1	107.4	98.4	9.1	70.2	8.5	64.3
	2003	154.8	107.5	98.7	8.8	69.4	8.2	63.8
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.6	93.7	86.4	7.3	67.1	7.8	61.9
	2003	140.0	91.8	83.1	8.7	65.6	9.5	59.4
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	99.3	67.1	61.7	5.4	67.6	8.0	62.1
	2003	100.1	68.8	63.8	5.0	68.7	7.3	63.7
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	46.4	42.9	3.4	66.4	7.3	61.4
	2003	69.9	48.2	44.6	3.6	69.0	7.5	63.8
Quebec	2002	6,035.7	4,032.1	3,704.4	327.7	66.8	8.1	61.4
	2003	6,084.4	4,108.8	3,739.7	369.2	67.5	9.0	61.5
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.5	48.9	39.8	9.0	59.3	18.4	48.2
	2003	81.9	49.2	42.0	7.2	60.1	14.6	51.3
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.0	95.2	85.9	9.3	56.7	9.8	51.1
	2003	167.1	101.2	93.8	7.3	60.6	7.2	56.1
420 Québec	2002	535.6	355.8	334.2	21.7	66.4	6.1	62.4
	2003	539.6	368.2	346.9	21.2	68.2	5.8	64.3

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	August	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.7	229.4	215.8	13.6	71.8	5.9	67.5
	2003	320.1	225.9	215.3	10.6	70.6	4.7	67.3
430 Estrie	2002	238.2	160.6	149.2	11.4	67.4	7.1	62.6
	2003	239.8	163.2	152.7	10.5	68.1	6.4	63.7
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	180.2	119.4	113.0	6.4	66.3	5.4	62.7
	2003	180.5	119.9	109.1	10.8	66.4	9.0	60.4
435 Montérégie	2002	1,075.8	779.0	732.9	46.1	72.4	5.9	68.1
	2003	1,085.3	759.3	701.8	57.6	70.0	7.6	64.7
440 Montréal	2002	1,504.7	978.4	876.3	102.1	65.0	10.4	58.2
	2003	1,522.9	1,013.0	887.5	125.6	66.5	12.4	58.3
445 Laval	2002	290.8	195.1	179.8	15.3	67.1	7.8	61.8
	2003	294.4	202.8	186.2	16.6	68.9	8.2	63.2
450 Lanaudière	2002	324.6	221.1	206.6	14.6	68.1	6.6	63.6
	2003	329.0	232.0	209.3	22.8	70.5	9.8	63.6
455 Laurentides	2002	386.5	258.2	236.6	21.7	66.8	8.4	61.2
	2003	394.0	265.6	245.6	20.1	67.4	7.6	62.3
460 Outaouais	2002	261.3	176.6	163.3	13.3	67.6	7.5	62.5
	2003	266.4	189.9	175.4	14.5	71.3	7.6	65.8
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.1	76.5	69.1	7.4	63.2	9.7	57.1
	2003	119.9	75.9	67.6	8.3	63.3	10.9	56.4
470 Mauricie	2002	216.2	131.7	116.8	14.9	60.9	11.3	54.0
	2003	215.5	133.6	120.9	12.7	62.0	9.5	56.1
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.5	140.6	124.0	16.6	60.2	11.8	53.1
	2003	231.9	149.0	132.3	16.6	64.3	11.1	57.1
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.1	65.7	61.2	4.5	67.7	6.8	63.0
	2003	96.0	60.1	53.3	6.8	62.6	11.3	55.5
Ontario								
	2002	9,637.1	6,656.2	6,168.9	487.3	69.1	7.3	64.0
	2003	9,789.9	6,827.5	6,315.9	511.6	69.7	7.5	64.5
510 Ottawa	2002	933.9	648.3	600.9	47.4	69.4	7.3	64.3
	2003	949.5	673.6	628.3	45.2	70.9	6.7	66.2
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	338.3	223.3	207.4	15.9	66.0	7.1	61.3
	2003	338.3	207.8	195.9	11.9	61.4	5.7	57.9
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	297.1	170.8	159.1	11.7	57.5	6.9	53.6
	2003	299.6	198.3	187.1	11.2	66.2	5.6	62.4
530 Toronto	2002	4,245.5	2,995.3	2,755.0	240.3	70.6	8.0	64.9
	2003	4,352.5	3,101.8	2,831.3	270.5	71.3	8.7	65.0
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	877.3	625.4	590.3	35.1	71.3	5.6	67.3
	2003	895.0	641.5	605.9	35.6	71.7	5.5	67.7
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,076.1	727.8	678.7	49.1	67.6	6.7	63.1
	2003	1,084.7	751.2	700.4	50.8	69.3	6.8	64.6
560 London	2002	484.0	341.8	316.4	25.4	70.6	7.4	65.4
	2003	486.9	340.3	317.3	23.0	69.9	6.8	65.2
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	509.9	341.1	314.9	26.1	66.9	7.7	61.8
	2003	514.7	338.7	315.2	23.5	65.8	6.9	61.2

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	August	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	236.0	161.9	155.9	6.0	68.6	3.7	66.1
	2003	236.5	161.4	152.6	8.8	68.2	5.5	64.5
590 Northeast	2002	458.0	294.2	270.9	23.4	64.2	8.0	59.1
	2003	453.3	281.8	258.1	23.6	62.2	8.4	56.9
595 Northwest	2002	180.8	126.3	119.4	6.9	69.9	5.5	66.0
	2003	178.9	131.1	123.7	7.4	73.3	5.6	69.1
Manitoba								
	2002	864.9	608.3	577.2	31.0	70.3	5.1	66.7
	2003	868.3	609.2	579.2	30.0	70.2	4.9	66.7
610 Southeast	2002	69.7	49.7	47.3	2.5	71.3	5.0	67.9
	2003	70.7	52.6	50.6	2.0	74.4	3.8	71.6
620 South Central	2002	40.6	28.1	26.8	1.3	69.2	4.6	66.0
	2003	41.0	27.8	27.1	0.7	67.8	2.5	66.1
630 Southwest	2002	82.4	53.0	50.8	2.2	64.3	4.2	61.7
	2003	82.1	56.1	54.3	1.8	68.3	3.2	66.1
640 North Central	2002	34.8	25.1	24.4	0.7	72.1	2.8	70.1
	2003	34.8	24.3	23.2	1.1	69.8	4.5	66.7
650 Winnipeg	2002	501.4	361.5	342.1	19.4	72.1	5.4	68.2
	2003	503.8	358.6	339.7	19.0	71.2	5.3	67.4
660 Interlake	2002	67.8	46.3	44.3	2.0	68.3	4.3	65.3
	2003	68.6	46.3	43.8	2.5	67.5	5.4	63.8
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.3	44.4	41.5	2.9	65.0	6.5	60.8
	2003	67.2	43.5	40.5	2.9	64.7	6.7	60.3
Saskatchewan								
	2002	759.3	523.6	495.0	28.6	69.0	5.5	65.2
	2003	755.8	529.8	500.4	29.5	70.1	5.6	66.2
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.1	157.4	149.2	8.2	72.5	5.2	68.7
	2003	216.1	155.5	146.8	8.7	72.0	5.6	67.9
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	84.6	55.8	53.2	2.6	66.0	4.7	62.9
	2003	83.5	59.2	56.9	2.3	70.9	3.9	68.1
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	164.0	154.3	9.7	72.1	5.9	67.8
	2003	227.7	165.7	156.7	9.0	72.8	5.4	68.8
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	69.9	42.9	41.0	1.9	61.4	4.4	58.7
	2003	69.0	40.9	39.1	1.7	59.3	4.2	56.7
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.2	103.4	97.2	6.2	64.5	6.0	60.7
	2003	159.6	108.5	100.9	7.6	68.0	7.0	63.2
Alberta								
	2002	2,423.1	1,808.5	1,711.3	97.2	74.6	5.4	70.6
	2003	2,475.2	1,847.9	1,754.8	93.1	74.7	5.0	70.9
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	190.1	126.5	119.9	6.6	66.5	5.2	63.1
	2003	193.7	139.1	131.7	7.5	71.8	5.4	68.0
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	142.4	102.3	98.8	3.5	71.8	3.4	69.4
	2003	144.2	100.6	96.3	4.3	69.8	4.3	66.8
830 Calgary	2002	868.1	669.1	629.0	40.1	77.1	6.0	72.5
	2003	892.4	679.9	646.6	33.3	76.2	4.9	72.5
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.3	50.6	47.6	3.0	78.7	5.9	74.0
	2003	64.6	46.8	45.0	1.9	72.4	4.1	69.7

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

	August	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	120.7	91.8	88.3	3.5	76.1	3.8	73.2
	2003	123.9	93.7	87.6	6.1	75.6	6.5	70.7
860 Edmonton	2002	792.8	582.7	552.7	30.0	73.5	5.1	69.7
	2003	807.5	594.7	564.8	29.9	73.6	5.0	69.9
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.8	124.6	117.2	7.4	73.8	5.9	69.4
	2003	171.0	127.8	121.3	6.5	74.7	5.1	70.9
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	75.9	60.8	57.8	3.1	80.1	5.1	76.2
	2003	78.0	65.1	61.5	3.6	83.5	5.5	78.8
British Columbia								
	2002	3,327.7	2,202.0	2,023.0	179.0	66.2	8.1	60.8
	2003	3,367.7	2,242.2	2,052.7	189.5	66.6	8.5	61.0
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	569.4	344.0	314.4	29.6	60.4	8.6	55.2
	2003	573.1	343.7	313.5	30.3	60.0	8.8	54.7
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,983.9	1,351.0	1,252.2	98.8	68.1	7.3	63.1
	2003	2,020.4	1,385.8	1,275.8	110.1	68.6	7.9	63.1
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	391.4	242.5	219.1	23.4	62.0	9.6	56.0
	2003	394.2	249.8	229.0	20.8	63.4	8.3	58.1
940 Kootenay	2002	125.4	76.8	71.0	5.8	61.2	7.6	56.6
	2003	125.2	78.7	69.9	8.8	62.9	11.2	55.8
950 Cariboo	2002	135.5	95.1	83.1	12.0	70.2	12.6	61.3
	2003	134.0	94.1	83.9	10.2	70.2	10.8	62.6
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.3	54.8	48.8	5.9	73.8	10.8	65.7
	2003	73.0	53.7	47.2	6.5	73.6	12.1	64.7
980 Northeast	2002	47.9	37.9	34.4	3.5	79.1	9.2	71.8
	2003	47.7	36.3	33.5	2.8	76.1	7.7	70.2

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
August 2003										
15 years and over	13,581.3	36.4	666.46	17.85	11,480.5	39.6	743.28	2,100.8	18.6	246.62
15 to 24 years	2,612.6	31.9	340.16	10.23	1,760.5	38.8	430.51	852.1	17.7	153.47
25 years and over	10,968.7	37.5	744.18	19.67	9,720.0	39.8	799.93	1,248.7	19.3	310.19
Men	7,042.7	39.0	770.58	19.48	6,444.6	40.9	821.46	598.2	18.1	222.42
Women	6,538.6	33.6	554.31	16.10	5,035.9	38.0	643.24	1,502.6	18.9	256.26
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,229.6	36.6	775.29	21.01	3,730.8	38.8	828.77	498.7	20.2	375.23
No union coverage	9,351.7	36.3	617.23	16.43	7,749.7	40.0	702.13	1,602.1	18.1	206.59
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,542.5	36.9	706.38	18.74	10,019.6	39.6	773.02	1,522.9	19.2	267.91
Temporary	2,038.8	33.3	440.46	12.85	1,460.9	39.7	539.33	577.9	17.1	190.53
Occupation										
Management	890.4	40.7	1,161.55	28.76	867.8	41.2	1,181.30	22.6	20.3	404.73
Business, finance and administrative	2,609.9	35.4	621.03	17.26	2,236.4	38.3	680.91	373.5	18.1	262.51
Natural and applied sciences	941.0	38.8	976.99	25.33	908.3	39.4	993.25	32.7	20.5	525.62
Health	772.3	33.5	712.44	21.35	576.3	37.8	800.69	196.0	20.7	452.94
Social science, education, government service and religion	930.5	35.8	857.72	24.09	800.8	38.5	920.34	129.7	19.1	471.16
Art, culture, recreation and sport	334.9	34.0	572.95	16.61	260.1	38.9	673.75	74.8	17.0	222.56
Sales and service	3,553.5	32.4	419.34	12.25	2,448.8	38.6	529.42	1,104.7	18.6	175.31
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,950.3	40.6	733.39	17.98	1,860.9	41.7	758.15	89.5	17.8	218.40
Occupations unique to primary industry	348.0	43.1	623.87	14.10	316.4	45.8	670.24	31.6	16.5	159.24
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,250.5	39.5	639.07	16.01	1,204.8	40.3	655.90	45.7	18.3	195.16
August 2002										
15 years and over	13,468.1	36.4	652.38	17.44	11,418.0	39.6	727.12	2,050.1	18.6	236.10
15 to 24 years	2,620.9	32.0	329.66	9.91	1,786.7	38.6	414.09	834.2	17.7	148.82
25 years and over	10,847.2	37.5	730.36	19.26	9,631.4	39.8	785.19	1,215.8	19.3	295.99
Men	7,034.5	39.0	753.49	19.03	6,439.3	40.9	803.97	595.2	18.0	207.35
Women	6,433.6	33.6	541.82	15.71	4,978.7	37.9	627.73	1,454.9	18.9	247.86
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,204.0	36.7	759.91	20.55	3,716.7	38.9	811.92	487.3	20.1	363.26
No union coverage	9,264.1	36.3	603.58	16.03	7,701.3	40.0	686.20	1,562.7	18.2	196.44
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,348.9	37.0	693.57	18.35	9,912.5	39.6	756.81	1,436.3	19.3	257.13
Temporary	2,119.2	33.2	431.81	12.61	1,505.5	39.8	531.66	613.7	17.1	186.87
Occupation										
Management	878.0	40.7	1,124.45	27.69	857.4	41.2	1,142.25	20.6	19.4	383.17
Business, finance and administrative	2,544.6	35.4	608.64	16.88	2,205.4	38.2	665.63	339.2	17.6	238.12
Natural and applied sciences	936.7	38.8	970.70	25.08	906.3	39.4	988.90	30.4	19.3	428.12
Health	781.2	33.2	701.86	21.01	582.7	37.5	796.88	198.4	20.6	422.87
Social science, education, government service and religion	938.7	36.2	854.81	23.76	814.3	38.8	914.40	124.4	19.5	464.65
Art, culture, recreation and sport	300.7	33.9	562.55	16.13	236.1	38.5	650.19	64.6	16.9	242.29
Sales and service	3,553.9	32.3	407.49	11.92	2,440.5	38.6	514.56	1,113.4	18.6	172.82
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,911.9	40.8	724.21	17.69	1,828.4	41.9	747.07	83.4	17.9	223.05
Occupations unique to primary industry	341.2	42.1	569.33	13.23	308.1	44.8	612.75	33.1	17.7	164.62
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,281.3	39.6	619.88	15.55	1,238.7	40.3	634.29	42.5	18.5	200.01

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

Table 18

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

Region	Effective from September 7, 2003 to October 11, 2003	Region	Effective from September 7, 2003 to October 11, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	8.9	30. London	6.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	19.4	31. Niagara	8.4
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.1
03. Prince Edward Island	10.2	33. Kitchener	6.3
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	7.5
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.4	35. South Central Ontario	5.1
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.9	36. Sudbury	8.5
06. Halifax	7.1	37. Thunder Bay	6.1
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	13.0
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	8.2	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.3	39. Winnipeg	4.8
09. Restigouche-Albert	18.0	40. Southern Manitoba	5.6
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	26.8
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	20.6	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	5.3	42. Regina	5.7
12. Trois-Rivières	11.4	43. Saskatoon	5.6
13. South Central Quebec	3.6	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.3
14. Sherbrooke	8.1	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.9
15. Montérégie	6.7	Alberta	
16. Montréal	10.1	46. Calgary	4.8
17. Central Quebec	10.4	47. Edmonton	5.4
18. Northwestern Quebec	17.7	48. Northern Alberta	10.2
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	13.0	49. Southern Alberta	6.9
20. Hull	6.1	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.4	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.4
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	8.1
22. Ottawa	6.2	52. Vancouver	8.0
23. Eastern Ontario	7.5	53. Victoria	7.1
24. Kingston	6.3	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	11.0
25. Central Ontario	5.5	55. Northern British Columbia	14.3
26. Oshawa	5.3	Territories	
27. Toronto	8.4	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.5	57. Northwest Territories ⁵	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.0	58. Nunavut ⁶	25.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 19

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

	August 2001	August 2002	August 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from		% change from	
					last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
Students²								
15 to 24 years								
Population	2,219.5	2,256.5	2,266.2	26.3	9.7	46.7	0.4	2.1
Labour force	1,383.5	1,490.7	1,509.5	26.9	18.8	126.0	1.3	9.1
Employment	1,214.8	1,297.5	1,298.6	25.3	1.1	83.8	0.1	6.9
Full-time employment	625.0	657.9	663.3	17.9	5.4	38.3	0.8	6.1
Part-time employment	589.8	639.6	635.3	20.8	-4.3	45.5	-0.7	7.7
Unemployment	168.7	193.2	210.9	12.2	17.7	42.2	9.2	25.0
Participation rate	62.3	66.1	66.6	0.9	0.5	4.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.2	13.0	14.0	0.9	1.0	1.8	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	57.5	57.3	0.8	-0.2	2.6	...	...
Part-time rate	48.6	49.3	48.9	1.3	-0.4	0.4	...	...
15 to 16 years								
Population	779.2	773.8	775.2	4.5	1.4	-4.0	0.2	-0.5
Labour force	345.0	380.1	368.3	11.4	-11.8	23.3	-3.1	6.8
Employment	273.3	302.0	286.6	10.7	-15.4	13.3	-5.1	4.9
Full-time employment	86.6	90.6	81.0	4.3	-9.6	-5.6	-10.6	-6.5
Part-time employment	186.7	211.4	205.6	10.2	-5.8	18.9	-2.7	10.1
Unemployment	71.6	78.1	81.7	6.7	3.6	10.1	4.6	14.1
Participation rate	44.3	49.1	47.5	1.4	-1.6	3.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	20.8	20.5	22.2	2.0	1.7	1.4	...	...
Employment rate	35.1	39.0	37.0	1.4	-2.0	1.9	...	...
Part-time rate	68.3	70.0	71.7	1.5	1.7	3.4	...	...
17 to 19 years								
Population	839.5	831.6	839.4	14.5	7.8	-0.1	0.9	0.0
Labour force	599.5	628.7	626.6	15.5	-2.1	27.1	-0.3	4.5
Employment	527.6	545.3	534.2	15.0	-11.1	6.6	-2.0	1.3
Full-time employment	256.1	255.9	252.6	9.8	-3.3	-3.5	-1.3	-1.4
Part-time employment	271.6	289.4	281.7	13.4	-7.7	10.1	-2.7	3.7
Unemployment	71.9	83.4	92.3	7.6	8.9	20.4	10.7	28.4
Participation rate	71.4	75.6	74.6	1.4	-1.0	3.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	13.3	14.7	1.3	1.4	2.7	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	65.6	63.6	1.5	-2.0	0.8	...	...
Part-time rate	51.5	53.1	52.7	1.8	-0.3	1.3	...	...
20 to 24 years								
Population	600.7	651.1	651.6	20.6	0.5	50.9	0.1	8.5
Labour force	439.0	481.9	514.7	18.4	32.8	75.7	6.8	17.2
Employment	413.8	450.2	477.8	17.5	27.6	64.0	6.1	15.5
Full-time employment	282.3	311.3	329.7	14.0	18.4	47.4	5.9	16.8
Part-time employment	131.5	138.8	148.1	12.0	9.3	16.6	6.7	12.6
Unemployment	25.2	31.7	36.8	6.5	5.1	11.6	16.1	46.0
Participation rate	73.1	74.0	79.0	1.8	5.0	5.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.6	7.1	1.4	0.5	1.4	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	69.1	73.3	1.9	4.2	4.4	...	...
Part-time rate	31.8	30.8	31.0	2.4	0.2	-0.8	...	...
Other persons aged 15 to 24³								
Population	1,886.4	1,877.6	1,902.8	21.9	25.2	16.4	1.3	0.9
Labour force	1,618.0	1,643.6	1,659.2	23.6	15.6	41.2	0.9	2.5
Employment	1,436.0	1,437.0	1,441.8	23.1	4.8	5.8	0.3	0.4
Full-time employment	1,201.7	1,188.4	1,161.5	24.0	-26.9	-40.2	-2.3	-3.3
Part-time employment	234.3	248.5	280.3	18.8	31.8	46.0	12.8	19.6
Unemployment	182.0	206.6	217.3	14.4	10.7	35.3	5.2	19.4
Participation rate	85.8	87.5	87.2	0.6	-0.3	1.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	12.6	13.1	0.6	0.5	1.8	...	...
Employment rate	76.1	76.5	75.8	0.7	-0.8	-0.4	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	17.3	19.4	0.9	2.1	3.1	...	...

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

² 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.

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

Related CANSIM table 282-0006

Table 20

Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 by province, August 2003 and August 2002, unadjusted data (in thousands)

	August	Population	Labour force					Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment			
Students¹										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	41.4	23.3	20.0	13.0	6.9	3.4	56.3	14.6	48.3
	2003	37.2	22.0	19.5	14.3	5.2	2.5	59.1	11.4	52.4
Prince Edward Island	2002	10.7	8.9	8.0	5.9	2.1	0.9	83.2	10.1	74.8
	2003	11.4	9.9	9.4	7.4	2.1	0.4	86.8	4.0	82.5
Nova Scotia	2002	68.1	47.9	41.5	21.4	20.1	6.4	70.3	13.4	60.9
	2003	67.1	47.0	40.4	21.6	18.9	6.6	70.0	14.0	60.2
New Brunswick	2002	48.2	34.0	30.0	18.7	11.3	4.0	70.5	11.8	62.2
	2003	52.1	36.4	31.7	21.0	10.7	4.7	69.9	12.9	60.8
Quebec	2002	530.0	330.8	289.7	159.0	130.7	41.1	62.4	12.4	54.7
	2003	521.9	349.4	305.6	167.8	137.7	43.9	66.9	12.6	58.6
Ontario	2002	920.5	634.0	543.3	258.7	284.7	90.7	68.9	14.3	59.0
	2003	919.9	630.1	528.8	243.0	285.8	101.4	68.5	16.1	57.5
Manitoba	2002	74.6	53.1	47.9	23.3	24.6	5.3	71.2	10.0	64.2
	2003	71.5	48.7	45.6	25.1	20.6	3.1	68.1	6.4	63.8
Saskatchewan	2002	71.0	47.7	43.2	23.0	20.2	4.5	67.2	9.4	60.8
	2003	71.2	48.8	44.2	22.7	21.6	4.6	68.5	9.4	62.1
Alberta	2002	211.4	147.9	134.2	78.2	55.9	13.7	70.0	9.3	63.5
	2003	227.7	161.1	147.8	87.0	60.9	13.2	70.8	8.2	64.9
British Columbia	2002	280.7	163.1	139.9	56.6	83.2	23.2	58.1	14.2	49.8
	2003	286.2	156.1	125.5	53.5	72.0	30.5	54.5	19.5	43.9
Other persons aged 15-24²										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	33.9	27.1	20.8	15.0	5.8	6.3	79.9	23.2	61.4
	2003	35.7	29.1	21.9	17.2	4.7	7.3	81.5	25.1	61.3
Prince Edward Island	2002	9.3	8.7	7.8	7.1	0.6	x	93.5	x	83.9
	2003	8.8	8.1	7.3	6.6	0.7	x	92.0	x	83.0
Nova Scotia	2002	55.5	47.3	41.2	34.2	6.9	6.1	85.2	12.9	74.2
	2003	56.7	49.6	40.0	33.9	6.1	9.6	87.5	19.4	70.5
New Brunswick	2002	50.1	44.2	38.5	33.3	5.3	5.7	88.2	12.9	76.8
	2003	45.3	38.0	30.9	26.6	4.4	7.1	83.9	18.7	68.2
Quebec	2002	426.3	367.4	316.3	269.7	46.6	51.1	86.2	13.9	74.2
	2003	428.6	378.2	326.7	268.5	58.2	51.6	88.2	13.6	76.2
Ontario	2002	652.1	578.2	507.5	426.6	80.8	70.8	88.7	12.2	77.8
	2003	681.4	583.9	505.1	411.8	93.3	78.8	85.7	13.5	74.1
Manitoba	2002	74.9	66.1	60.3	50.9	9.4	5.8	88.3	8.8	80.5
	2003	78.7	69.4	63.2	51.9	11.3	6.4	88.2	9.2	80.3
Saskatchewan	2002	69.8	60.1	54.3	45.5	8.8	5.8	86.1	9.7	77.8
	2003	67.2	59.4	53.5	46.3	7.2	5.9	88.4	9.9	79.6
Alberta	2002	243.8	218.5	194.4	164.0	30.4	23.9	89.6	10.9	79.7
	2003	236.8	212.9	194.5	161.1	33.4	18.3	89.9	8.6	82.1
British Columbia	2002	261.9	226.1	195.9	142.1	54.0	30.1	86.3	13.3	74.8
	2003	263.8	230.5	198.8	137.8	61.0	31.7	87.4	13.8	75.4

¹ 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.

² Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.
Related CANSIM table 282-0006

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

Sampling error

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

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

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