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Commentary

Spurred by a large gain in full-time jobs, employment rose by an estimated 46,000 in September, following slight declines in the previous two months. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.0% as the gain in employment was matched by a similar increase in the number of people entering the labour force.

An increase of 37,000 full-time jobs in September more than offset a decline in full-time employment the month earlier. So far in 2003, employment has increased by 98,000 (+0.6%), all in full-time jobs. This is in sharp contrast to the strong gain of 434,000 (+2.9%) during the first nine months of 2002 when employment strength was in both full-time and part-time jobs.

Employment up sharply in Ontario

Most of September's job increase was in Ontario, up by an estimated 39,000, bringing gains so far this year to 86,000 (+1.4%). The gain in September was in full-time jobs (+51,000) while part-time employment fell slightly. The largest increases were in construction, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing as well as education services. The unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points to 7.3%, the result of a large increase in labour force participation.

In Ontario, hours worked rebounded by 5.3% in September following a drop of 5.9% in August when the Ontario-U.S. power outage occurred.

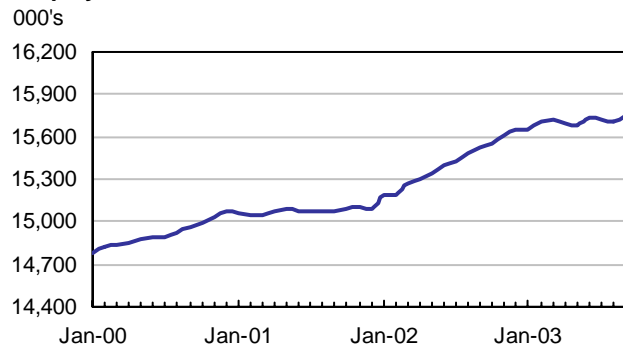
Job gains spread across several industries

Nationally, employment in health care and social assistance rose by 18,000, offsetting the decline in August. The increase in September continues a long term upward trend with gains since August 2001 totalling 145,000 (+9.4%).

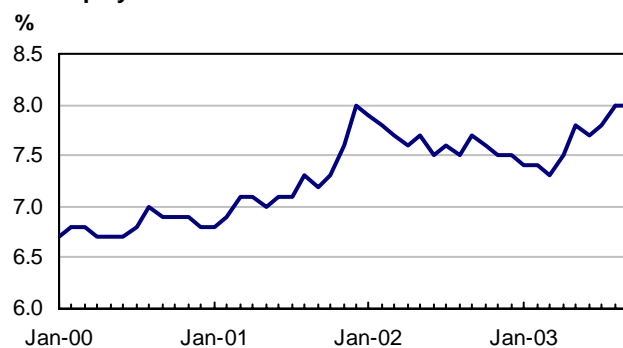
In September, retail and wholesale trade employment edged up by 16,000 with strength in motor vehicle and parts dealers as well as clothing stores. Following strong job growth during the second half of 2002, employment in retail and wholesale trade has remained relatively flat so far in 2003.

Employment rose by 13,000 in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing which continues to be a growth industry as a result of the booming housing market. In September, employment increased by 11,000 in construction. During the first nine months of 2003, job gains total 37,000 (+4.1%) in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing and 44,000 (+4.8%) in construction.

Employment



Unemployment rate



Employment in natural resources increased by 9,000 in September, mostly in mining, oil and gas extraction. This brings gains so far this year in natural resources to 22,000 (+8.3%) with most of the job growth in Alberta as well as Newfoundland and Labrador.

Manufacturing employment edged down 15,000 in September bringing losses so far in 2003 to 77,000 (-3.3%). This contrasts to 2002 when manufacturing was the engine of job growth. In the United States, the number of factory jobs during the first nine months of 2003 has decreased at a similar pace (-3.1%) as in Canada.

More private sector employees

In September, the number of private sector employees increased by 38,000, partly offsetting a sharp drop in August. The number of public sector employees rose by 18,000 in September. So far in 2003, employment growth has come primarily from the public sector and from self-employment.

Job gains among adults

Employment increased by 17,000 among adult women in September, all in full-time (+24,000). Among adult men, employment rose by 24,000 and was equally split between full-time and part-time work. So far in 2003, employment growth for adult men and women has been in full-time jobs.

Among youths, employment edged up slightly in September. However, employment for this group remains at about the same level as the end of 2002.

Provincial focus

After a slow start to 2003, employment in Alberta increased by 10,000 in September, bringing gains since March to 37,000 (+2.2%). The largest increase in September was in retail and wholesale trade. Employment in this sector has been on an upward trend so far this year. The gain in employment in September pushed the unemployment rate down 0.2 percentage points to 4.9%.

Employment rose by 4,000 in New Brunswick, with gains mostly in retail and wholesale trade as well as in manufacturing. September's job growth leaves employment in the province about 7,000 below the level at the end of 2002. The unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points in September to 10.7%.

Employment increased by 3,000 in Nova Scotia mostly in health care and social assistance. Employment grew during the second half of 2002 and through the first four months of 2003 only to weaken over May to August. The job gain in September leaves overall employment in the province up slightly since the start of the year. The unemployment rate fell 0.8 percentage points in September to 9.7%.

Employment was little changed in Quebec (+7,000) as an increase of 16,000 part-time jobs was partly offset by a slight decline in full-time. After a strong 2002, employment in the province is now 0.7% below the level where it started the year. The slight gain in employment and a decrease in the number of people in the labour force pushed the unemployment rate in September down 0.4 percentage points to 9.6%.

Following several months of little change, employment fell by an estimated 8,000 in Manitoba with the decline spread across several industries. The unemployment rate in September rose 0.9 percentage points to 5.8%.

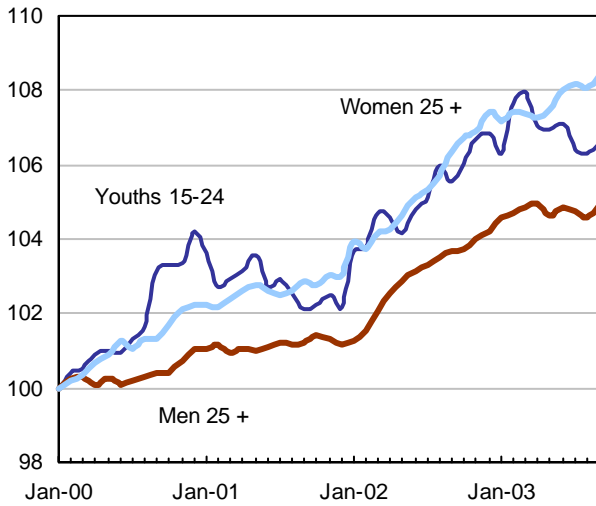
Employment declined by 3,000 in Saskatchewan, mostly in agriculture. Employment in the province grew strongly during 2002, however, there have been losses totalling 9,000 since the start of 2003. The unemployment rate edged up in September to 5.7% (+0.1 percentage points).

Employment declined by 800 in Prince Edward Island. The unemployment rate held at 10.3% in September as the decline in employment was accompanied by a similar decrease in labour force participation. Employment in the province is now slightly above where it started the year.

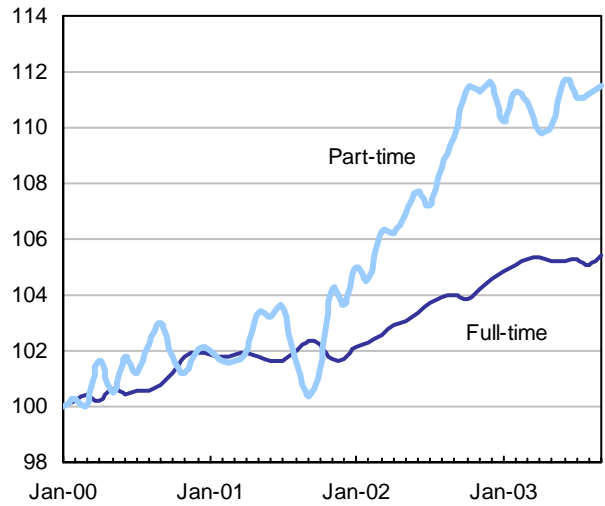
There was little change in employment in the other provinces.

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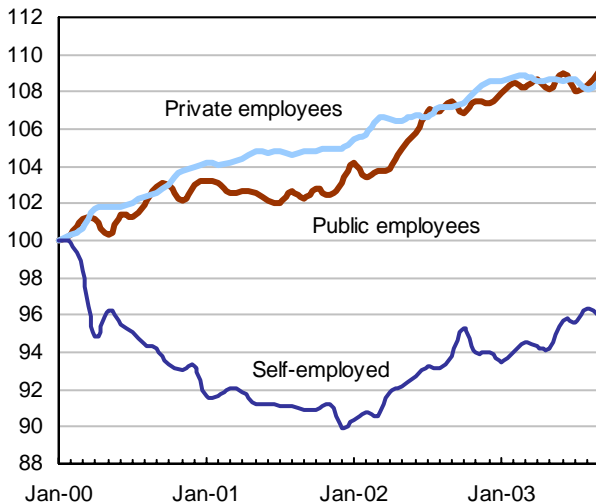
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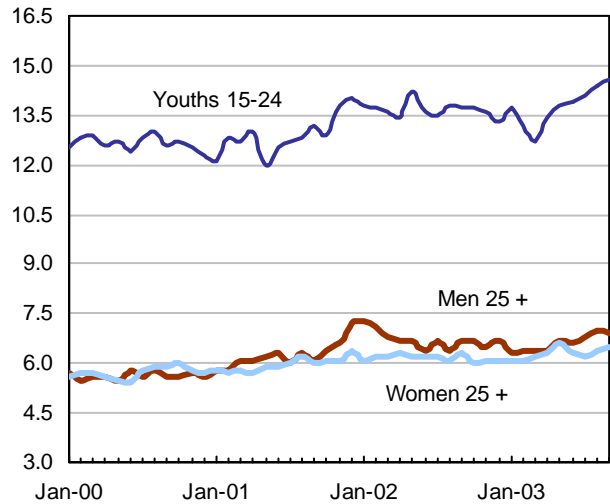
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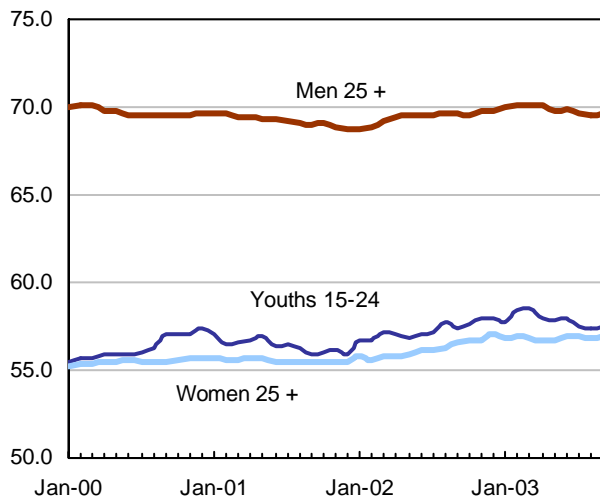
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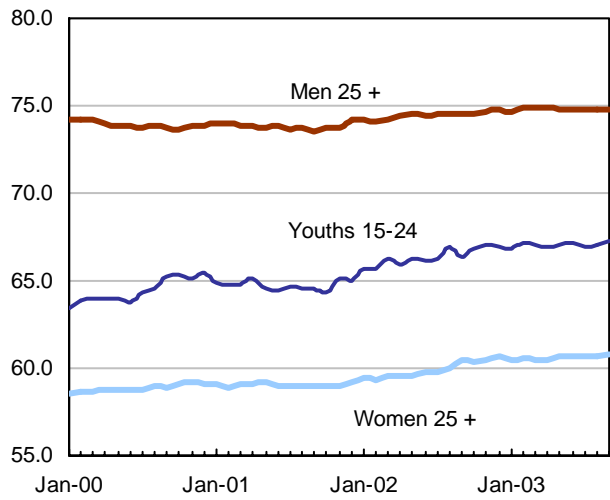
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Employment rate (%)

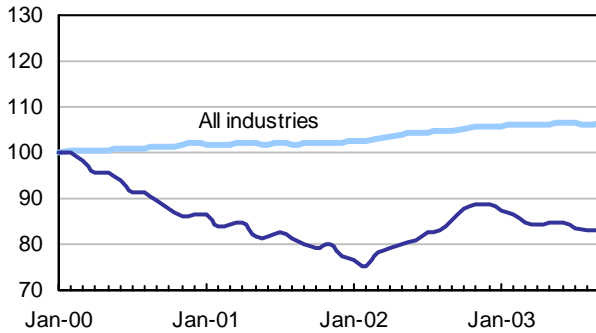


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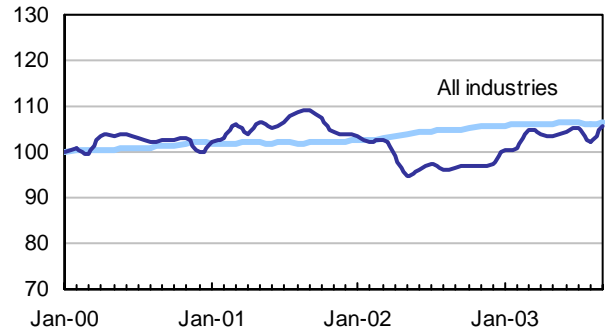


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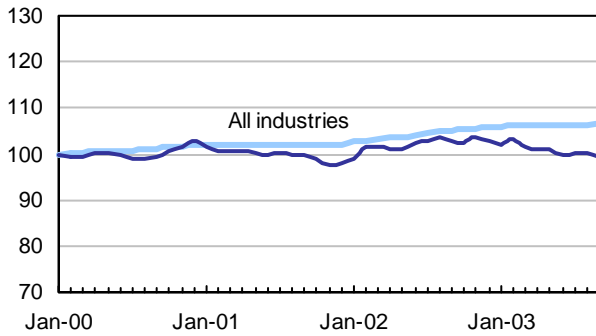
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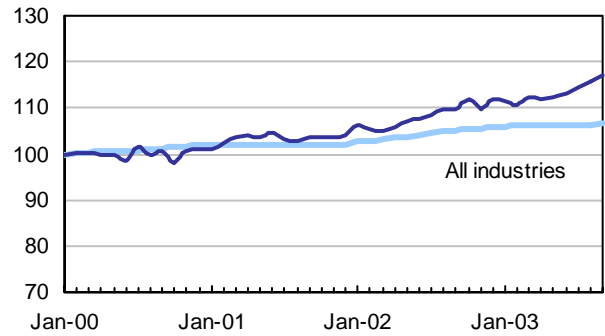
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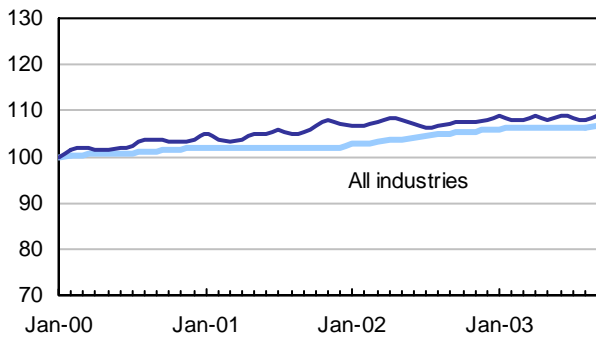
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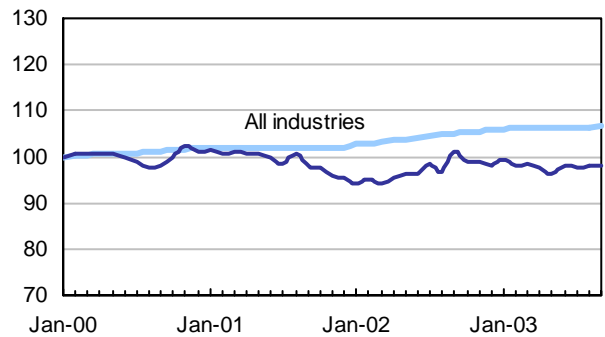
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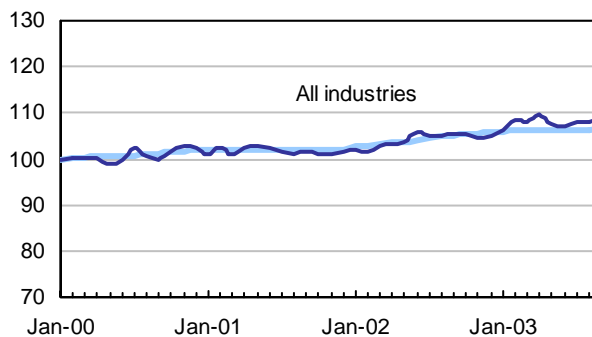
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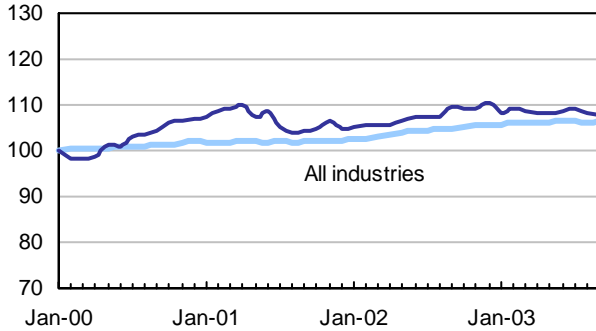


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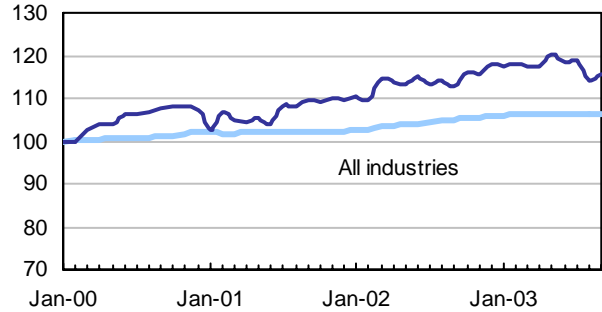


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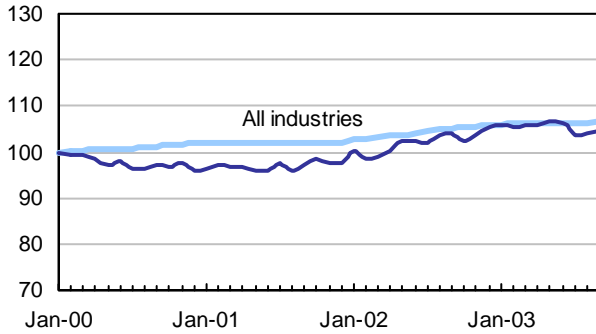
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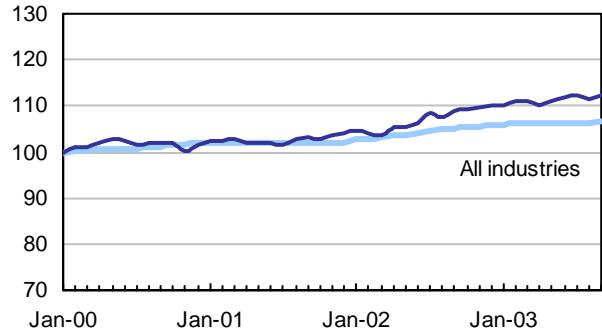
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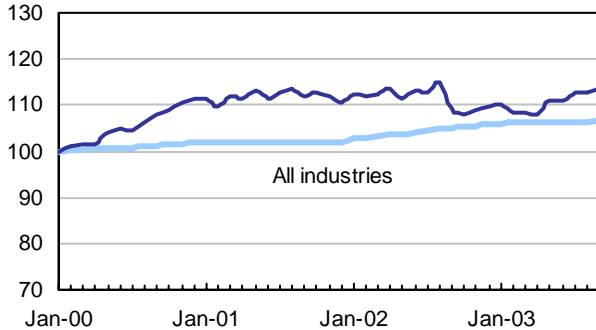
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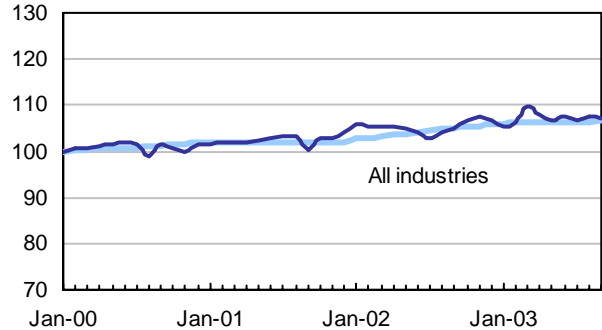
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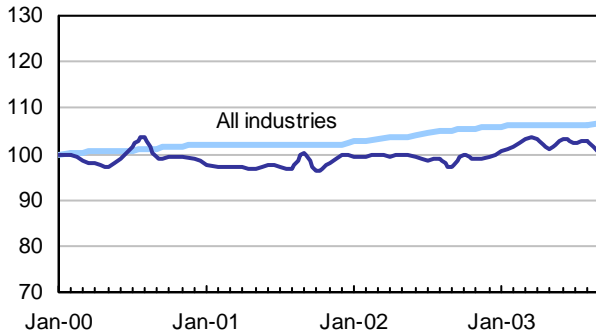
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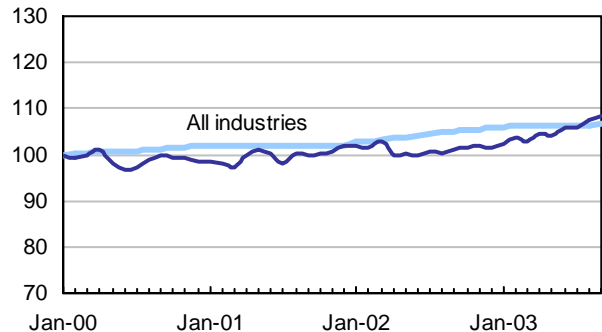
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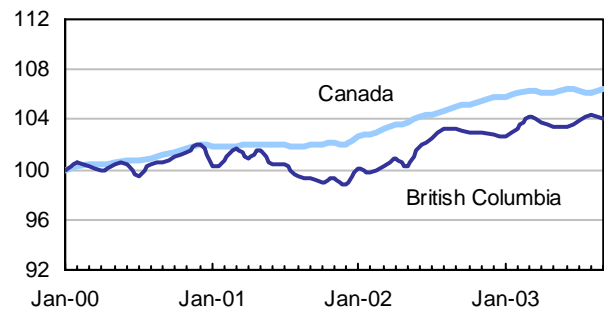
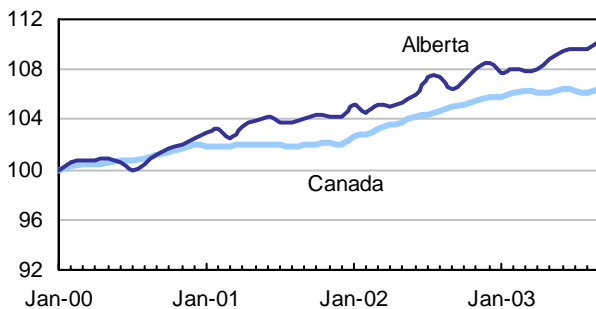
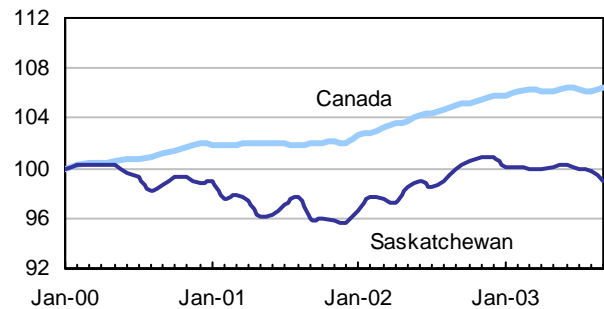
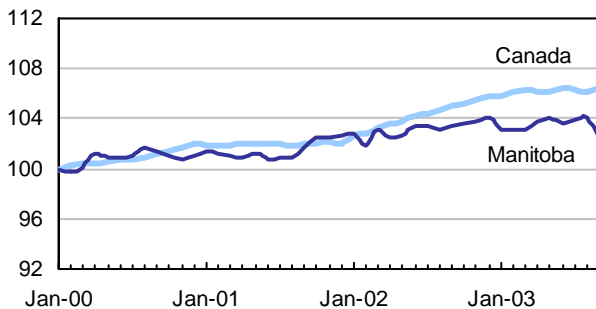
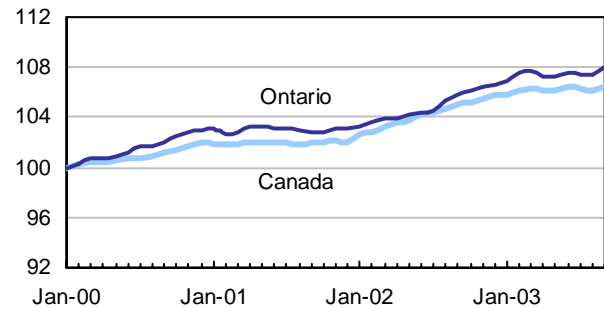
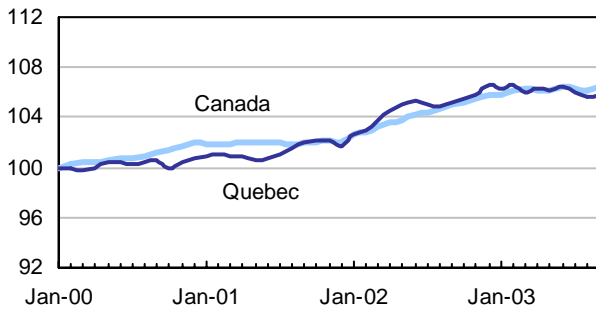
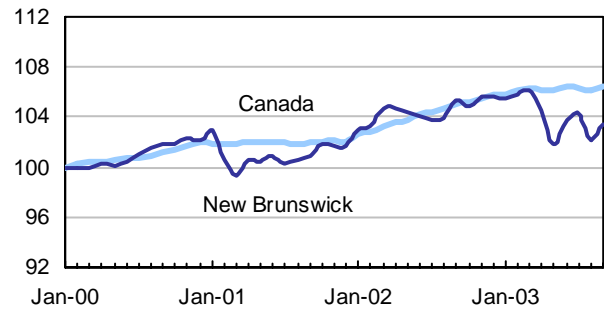
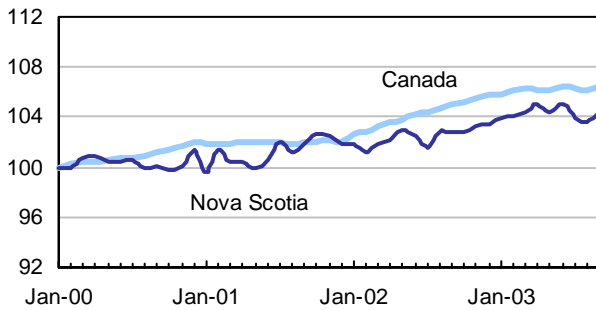
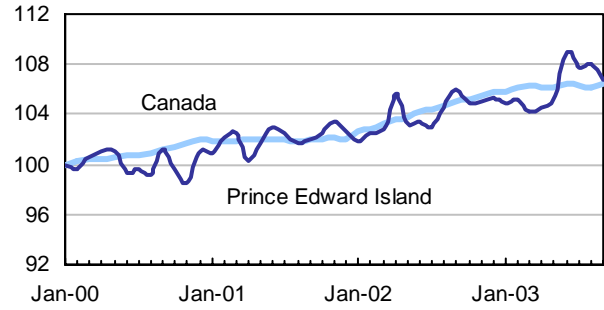
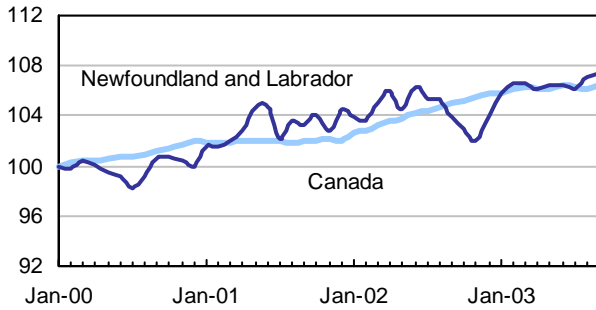
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Table 1

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

	August 2003	September 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	25,285.8	25,321.2	...	35.4	233.8	297.3	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	17,067.8	17,117.6	27.8	49.8	192.3	303.8	0.3	1.1	1.8
Employment	15,701.6	15,747.9	28.6	46.3	98.2	224.3	0.3	0.6	1.4
Employment full-time	12,736.5	12,773.6	34.0	37.1	100.2	174.2	0.3	0.8	1.4
Employment part-time	2,965.1	2,974.4	29.5	9.3	-1.9	50.3	0.3	-0.1	1.7
Unemployment	1,366.2	1,369.6	23.1	3.4	94.0	79.4	0.2	7.4	6.2
Participation rate	67.5	67.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,169.0	4,173.3	...	4.3	27.4	33.1	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	2,796.5	2,807.8	16.3	11.3	35.0	56.7	0.4	1.3	2.1
Employment	2,392.7	2,398.8	15.9	6.1	-5.7	23.7	0.3	-0.2	1.0
Employment full-time	1,293.0	1,294.2	16.3	1.2	-14.7	24.7	0.1	-1.1	1.9
Employment part-time	1,099.7	1,104.6	16.9	4.9	9.0	-1.0	0.4	0.8	-0.1
Unemployment	403.8	409.1	13.6	5.3	40.8	33.1	1.3	11.1	8.8
Participation rate	67.1	67.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	14.6	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.5	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	46.0	0.6	0.1	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,298.9	10,314.1	...	15.2	98.5	126.7	0.1	1.0	1.2
Labour force	7,701.9	7,719.9	14.4	18.0	73.9	115.2	0.2	1.0	1.5
Employment	7,161.9	7,185.5	15.9	23.6	50.2	87.0	0.3	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time	6,720.1	6,731.6	19.2	11.5	61.2	59.8	0.2	0.9	0.9
Employment part-time	441.8	453.9	13.7	12.1	-11.0	27.2	2.7	-2.4	6.4
Unemployment	540.0	534.4	13.5	-5.6	23.7	28.2	-1.0	4.6	5.6
Participation rate	74.8	74.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.9	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	69.7	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,817.9	10,833.8	...	15.9	108.0	137.5	0.1	1.0	1.3
Labour force	6,569.4	6,589.8	16.1	20.4	83.4	131.8	0.3	1.3	2.0
Employment	6,147.0	6,163.6	16.4	16.6	53.8	113.6	0.3	0.9	1.9
Employment full-time	4,723.4	4,747.8	21.7	24.4	53.7	89.7	0.5	1.1	1.9
Employment part-time	1,423.6	1,415.8	19.5	-7.8	0.0	23.9	-0.5	0.0	1.7
Unemployment	422.4	426.2	12.9	3.8	29.6	18.2	0.9	7.5	4.5
Participation rate	60.7	60.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	56.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	23.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,109.9	14,118.2	...	8.3	40.6	47.0	0.1	0.3	0.3
Labour force	12,180.0	12,197.0	20.4	17.0	37.7	60.2	0.1	0.3	0.5
Employment	11,345.5	11,362.5	22.2	17.0	-15.7	27.8	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment	834.5	834.5	17.7	0.0	53.4	32.3	0.0	6.8	4.0
Participation rate	86.3	86.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.4	80.5	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
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Table 2**Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	August 2003	September 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	13,263.8	13,319.5	29.0	55.7	48.3	170.8	0.4	0.4	1.3
Self-employed ²	2,437.9	2,428.4	16.8	-9.5	49.9	53.5	-0.4	2.1	2.3
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,981.0	2,998.7	16.4	17.7	45.3	42.0	0.6	1.5	1.4
Private sector employees	10,282.8	10,320.9	29.1	38.1	3.1	128.9	0.4	0.0	1.3
Industry	15,701.6	15,747.9	28.6	46.3	98.2	224.3	0.3	0.6	1.4
Goods-producing sector	3,975.6	3,977.0	21.0	1.4	-33.0	-11.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.3
Agriculture	333.0	332.8	6.3	-0.2	-22.4	-9.5	-0.1	-6.3	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	283.4	292.7	5.1	9.3	22.4	25.5	3.3	8.3	9.5
Utilities	135.3	131.8	3.6	-3.5	0.7	-6.7	-2.6	0.5	-4.8
Construction	944.1	955.2	11.8	11.1	43.9	59.7	1.2	4.8	6.7
Manufacturing	2,279.8	2,264.5	17.0	-15.3	-77.7	-80.1	-0.7	-3.3	-3.4
Services-producing sector	11,726.1	11,770.9	29.0	44.8	131.3	235.4	0.4	1.1	2.0
Trade	2,448.6	2,464.9	17.2	16.3	18.4	36.9	0.7	0.8	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	765.8	764.5	10.0	-1.3	-1.3	-23.1	-0.2	-0.2	-2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	928.3	940.9	10.5	12.6	37.3	35.4	1.4	4.1	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	999.8	996.4	12.2	-3.4	-24.4	-15.7	-0.3	-2.4	-1.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	592.8	599.9	10.8	7.1	-12.4	13.6	1.2	-2.0	2.3
Educational services	1,035.4	1,040.0	11.1	4.6	-10.2	4.5	0.4	-1.0	0.4
Health care and social assistance	1,672.7	1,690.7	12.0	18.0	35.9	57.2	1.1	2.2	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	711.5	718.5	10.7	7.0	25.0	26.6	1.0	3.6	3.8
Accommodation and food services	1,023.8	1,018.9	12.4	-4.9	2.7	19.7	-0.5	0.3	2.0
Other services	718.8	700.8	10.4	-18.0	5.7	21.7	-2.5	0.8	3.2
Public administration	828.5	835.3	8.7	6.8	54.3	58.5	0.8	7.0	7.5

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

	August 2003	September 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	438.6	438.7	...	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Labour force	260.3	263.7	2.6	3.4	1.6	6.4	1.3	0.6	2.5
Employment	219.6	220.4	2.5	0.8	6.9	7.3	0.4	3.2	3.4
Employment full-time	189.3	189.1	2.6	-0.2	8.2	11.3	-0.1	4.5	6.4
Employment part-time	30.3	31.3	1.9	1.0	-1.3	-4.0	3.3	-4.0	-11.3
Unemployment	40.7	43.3	2.3	2.6	-5.3	-0.9	6.4	-10.9	-2.0
Participation rate	59.3	60.1	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	16.4	0.8	0.8	-2.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.1	50.2	0.6	0.1	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.4	113.5	...	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	77.7	76.8	0.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.7	-1.2	0.8	-0.9
Employment	69.7	68.9	0.7	-0.8	1.0	0.6	-1.1	1.5	0.9
Employment full-time	58.8	57.3	0.8	-1.5	0.8	0.7	-2.6	1.4	1.2
Employment part-time	10.9	11.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.0	7.3	2.6	0.0
Unemployment	8.0	7.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-1.2	-4.8	-13.2
Participation rate	68.5	67.7	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.3	0.8	0.0	-0.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.7	0.7	-0.8	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	760.7	761.0	...	0.3	3.3	4.0	0.0	0.4	0.5
Labour force	483.8	483.0	2.9	-0.8	6.1	6.8	-0.2	1.3	1.4
Employment	432.9	436.2	3.2	3.3	3.9	6.6	0.8	0.9	1.5
Employment full-time	349.4	351.9	3.6	2.5	4.5	8.0	0.7	1.3	2.3
Employment part-time	83.5	84.3	3.2	0.8	-0.6	-1.4	1.0	-0.7	-1.6
Unemployment	51.0	46.8	2.7	-4.2	2.2	0.2	-8.2	4.9	0.4
Participation rate	63.6	63.5	0.4	-0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	9.7	0.6	-0.8	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	610.0	610.2	...	0.2	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	381.0	383.7	2.5	2.7	-6.5	-4.8	0.7	-1.7	-1.2
Employment	338.6	342.7	2.6	4.1	-7.3	-6.1	1.2	-2.1	-1.7
Employment full-time	286.4	290.6	2.9	4.2	-5.2	-1.5	1.5	-1.8	-0.5
Employment part-time	52.2	52.1	2.2	-0.1	-2.1	-4.5	-0.2	-3.9	-8.0
Unemployment	42.4	41.0	2.2	-1.4	0.8	1.3	-3.3	2.0	3.3
Participation rate	62.5	62.9	0.4	0.4	-1.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.7	0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	56.2	0.4	0.7	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,088.1	6,095.2	...	7.1	40.1	51.1	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	4,022.2	4,014.9	15.6	-7.3	23.2	79.3	-0.2	0.6	2.0
Employment	3,621.4	3,628.6	15.8	7.2	-25.5	22.6	0.2	-0.7	0.6
Employment full-time	2,970.5	2,961.4	18.5	-9.1	-23.8	-1.2	-0.3	-0.8	0.0
Employment part-time	650.9	667.2	15.9	16.3	-1.7	23.9	2.5	-0.3	3.7
Unemployment	400.8	386.3	13.4	-14.5	48.7	56.6	-3.6	14.4	17.2
Participation rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.6	0.3	-0.4	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.5	0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...

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

	August 2003	September 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,800.9	9,819.2	...	18.3	115.5	147.6	0.2	1.2	1.5
Labour force	6,691.5	6,741.3	17.8	49.8	108.2	135.7	0.7	1.6	2.1
Employment	6,213.2	6,251.7	18.5	38.5	85.7	127.4	0.6	1.4	2.1
Employment full-time	5,061.8	5,113.2	22.0	51.4	73.4	106.6	1.0	1.5	2.1
Employment part-time	1,151.4	1,138.5	19.0	-12.9	12.3	20.7	-1.1	1.1	1.9
Unemployment	478.3	489.6	14.5	11.3	22.5	8.3	2.4	4.8	1.7
Participation rate	68.3	68.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	868.8	869.6	...	0.8	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	601.3	598.2	2.8	-3.1	-3.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.1
Employment	572.0	563.7	2.9	-8.3	-8.4	-4.7	-1.5	-1.5	-0.8
Employment full-time	458.7	451.7	3.6	-7.0	-10.6	-0.8	-1.5	-2.3	-0.2
Employment part-time	113.2	112.0	3.3	-1.2	2.1	-3.9	-1.1	1.9	-3.4
Unemployment	29.4	34.4	2.2	5.0	5.1	4.9	17.0	17.4	16.6
Participation rate	69.2	68.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	64.8	0.3	-1.0	-1.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	755.8	756.0	...	0.2	-1.6	-2.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	515.2	511.9	2.6	-3.3	-9.0	-3.9	-0.6	-1.7	-0.8
Employment	486.1	482.7	2.7	-3.4	-9.0	-4.7	-0.7	-1.8	-1.0
Employment full-time	387.2	379.8	3.2	-7.4	-10.3	-7.6	-1.9	-2.6	-2.0
Employment part-time	98.9	102.9	3.0	4.0	1.3	2.9	4.0	1.3	2.9
Unemployment	29.1	29.2	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	2.8
Participation rate	68.2	67.7	0.3	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	63.8	0.4	-0.5	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,478.6	2,483.6	...	5.0	38.5	51.3	0.2	1.6	2.1
Labour force	1,818.3	1,825.1	7.5	6.8	29.3	45.0	0.4	1.6	2.5
Employment	1,724.8	1,735.0	8.0	10.2	27.5	58.7	0.6	1.6	3.5
Employment full-time	1,413.9	1,420.6	10.0	6.7	20.6	44.5	0.5	1.5	3.2
Employment part-time	310.9	314.4	8.6	3.5	7.0	14.2	1.1	2.3	4.7
Unemployment	93.5	90.1	5.8	-3.4	1.7	-13.7	-3.6	1.9	-13.2
Participation rate	73.4	73.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,370.9	3,374.2	...	3.3	31.1	38.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	2,216.4	2,218.9	10.8	2.5	42.0	39.5	0.1	1.9	1.8
Employment	2,023.3	2,018.0	10.9	-5.3	23.4	16.7	-0.3	1.2	0.8
Employment full-time	1,560.4	1,558.3	13.2	-2.1	43.6	14.4	-0.1	2.9	0.9
Employment part-time	462.9	459.7	11.9	-3.2	-20.2	2.3	-0.7	-4.2	0.5
Unemployment	193.1	200.9	8.9	7.8	18.6	22.8	4.0	10.2	12.8
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.1	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.8	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...

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

	August 2003	September 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	438.6	438.7	...	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Labour force	260.3	263.7	2.6	3.4	1.6	6.4	1.3	0.6	2.5
Employment	219.6	220.4	2.5	0.8	6.9	7.3	0.4	3.2	3.4
Employment full-time	189.3	189.1	2.6	-0.2	8.2	11.3	-0.1	4.5	6.4
Unemployment	40.7	43.3	2.3	2.6	-5.3	-0.9	6.4	-10.9	-2.0
Participation rate	59.3	60.1	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	16.4	0.8	0.8	-2.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.1	50.2	0.6	0.1	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.8	14.2	0.9	0.4	-1.1	-2.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	72.9	72.8	...	-0.1	-1.6	-2.2	-0.1	-2.2	-2.9
Labour force	40.5	41.0	1.3	0.5	-1.1	1.6	1.2	-2.6	4.1
Employment	31.4	32.1	1.3	0.7	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	8.8
Unemployment	9.1	8.9	1.1	-0.2	-1.7	-1.0	-2.2	-16.0	-10.1
Participation rate	55.6	56.3	1.8	0.7	-0.3	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.5	21.7	2.5	-0.8	-3.5	-3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.1	44.1	1.7	1.0	1.8	4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	31.5	34.3	3.5	2.7	-10.5	-6.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	178.3	178.5	...	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	115.2	116.9	1.5	1.7	-2.0	0.3	1.5	-1.7	0.3
Employment	96.6	98.6	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.5
Unemployment	18.7	18.3	1.5	-0.4	-4.2	-2.2	-2.1	-18.7	-10.7
Participation rate	64.6	65.5	0.8	0.9	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.2	15.7	1.2	-0.5	-3.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	55.2	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.5	5.0	0.9	0.5	1.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.4	187.5	...	0.1	0.7	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	104.5	105.8	1.3	1.3	4.7	4.5	1.2	4.6	4.4
Employment	91.6	89.6	1.3	-2.0	4.1	2.2	-2.2	4.8	2.5
Unemployment	12.9	16.1	1.2	3.2	0.5	2.2	24.8	3.2	15.8
Participation rate	55.8	56.4	0.7	0.6	2.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	15.2	1.1	2.9	-0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.9	47.8	0.7	-1.1	2.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	17.2	1.4	-0.4	-0.5	-3.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	219.6	220.4	2.5	0.8	6.9	7.3	0.4	3.2	3.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	44.7	46.2	1.7	1.5	2.8	-0.3	3.4	6.5	-0.6
Agriculture	1.1	1.0	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-1.1	-9.1	-50.0	-52.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.6	17.2	0.9	1.6	4.6	2.6	10.3	36.5	17.8
Utilities	2.1	2.6	0.2	0.5	0.1	-0.2	23.8	4.0	-7.1
Construction	8.9	9.7	0.9	0.8	-2.1	-1.2	9.0	-17.8	-11.0
Manufacturing	17.0	15.7	1.1	-1.3	1.2	-0.5	-7.6	8.3	-3.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	174.9	174.2	2.1	-0.7	4.1	7.6	-0.4	2.4	4.6
Trade	36.3	37.7	1.2	1.4	-0.9	1.0	3.9	-2.3	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	13.5	12.7	0.7	-0.8	0.5	1.2	-5.9	4.1	10.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.1	7.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.0	8.5	8.5	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.1	7.3	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	-1.0	-9.9	-5.2	-12.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	8.6	8.2	0.7	-0.4	0.5	-0.4	-4.7	6.5	-4.7
Educational services	16.2	15.6	0.8	-0.6	-1.9	-2.6	-3.7	-10.9	-14.3
Health care and social assistance	32.2	33.3	1.0	1.1	0.5	2.1	3.4	1.5	6.7
Information, culture and recreation	8.6	8.1	0.6	-0.5	2.2	2.1	-5.8	37.3	35.0
Accommodation and food services	14.4	13.5	0.9	-0.9	0.0	2.2	-6.2	0.0	19.5
Other services	13.6	13.4	0.8	-0.2	2.1	2.3	-1.5	18.6	20.7
Public administration	16.5	16.6	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	4.4	3.8

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

	August 2003	September 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	113.5	...	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	77.7	76.8	0.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.7	-1.2	0.8	-0.9
Employment	69.7	68.9	0.7	-0.8	1.0	0.6	-1.1	1.5	0.9
Employment full-time	58.8	57.3	0.8	-1.5	0.8	0.7	-2.6	1.4	1.2
Unemployment	8.0	7.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-1.2	-4.8	-13.2
Participation rate	68.5	67.7	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.3	0.8	0.0	-0.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.7	0.7	-0.8	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	17.0	0.9	1.3	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
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	13.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9	-3.5	-4.2	-6.2
Employment	12.7	12.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-4.7	-2.4	-0.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.8	6.7	-15.8	-33.3
Participation rate	70.3	67.8	1.9	-2.5	-3.3	-5.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.7	2.3	1.1	-1.6	-4.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	59.9	2.0	-3.0	-1.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.4	44.6	3.2	9.2	6.7	5.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.0	45.0	...	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	1.1
Labour force	32.9	32.6	0.4	-0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.9	2.5	1.9
Employment	29.1	29.1	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.0	3.2	2.1
Unemployment	3.8	3.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-10.5	-5.6	-2.9
Participation rate	73.1	72.4	0.8	-0.7	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	10.4	1.1	-1.2	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.7	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	4.1	1.0	-1.0	-1.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.3	48.3	...	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.5
Labour force	30.6	30.6	0.4	0.0	0.6	-0.2	0.0	2.0	-0.6
Employment	27.9	27.7	0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.7	1.5	0.4
Unemployment	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3	7.4	3.6	-9.4
Participation rate	63.4	63.4	0.8	0.0	0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.5	1.2	0.7	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.3	0.9	-0.5	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	18.4	1.5	0.5	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	69.7	68.9	0.7	-0.8	1.0	0.6	-1.1	1.5	0.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	16.9	17.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	-0.6	4.1	1.7	-3.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.6	2.9	6.1	-14.6
Utilities	2.7	2.6	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-3.7	4.0	-3.7
Construction	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	33.3	33.3	-20.0
Manufacturing	4.2	4.5	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.2	7.1	-6.2	4.7
Services-producing sector									
Trade	6.2	6.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.2	4.8	1.6	-3.0
Transportation and warehousing	52.8	51.3	0.7	-1.5	0.7	1.2	-2.8	1.4	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	10.3	10.8	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.4	4.9	13.7	14.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-6.9	3.8	17.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.7	2.4	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.2	-11.1	26.3	9.1
Educational services	2.9	2.3	0.2	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-20.7	-25.8	-25.8
Health care and social assistance	2.5	2.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-4.0	-14.3	-14.3
Information, culture and recreation	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
Accommodation and food services	8.2	7.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-7.3	-6.2	-2.6
Other services	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	6.9	10.7	10.7
Public administration	5.0	4.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-8.0	-9.8	-11.5
	3.7	3.5	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.3	-5.4	0.0	9.4
	7.0	7.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	11.1	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 6

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

	August 2003	September 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	760.7	761.0	...	0.3	3.3	4.0	0.0	0.4	0.5
Labour force	483.8	483.0	2.9	-0.8	6.1	6.8	-0.2	1.3	1.4
Employment	432.9	436.2	3.2	3.3	3.9	6.6	0.8	0.9	1.5
Employment full-time	349.4	351.9	3.6	2.5	4.5	8.0	0.7	1.3	2.3
Unemployment	51.0	46.8	2.7	-4.2	2.2	0.2	-8.2	4.9	0.4
Participation rate	63.6	63.5	0.4	-0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	9.7	0.6	-0.8	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	19.3	0.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.8	123.7	...	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Labour force	83.1	83.3	1.8	0.2	2.8	2.7	0.2	3.5	3.3
Employment	65.7	69.7	1.8	4.0	3.0	5.5	6.1	4.5	8.6
Unemployment	17.5	13.6	1.6	-3.9	-0.2	-2.8	-22.3	-1.4	-17.1
Participation rate	67.1	67.3	1.5	0.2	2.1	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.1	16.3	1.8	-4.8	-0.8	-4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.1	56.3	1.5	3.2	2.3	4.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.1	46.3	2.4	1.3	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	304.1	304.3	...	0.2	1.7	2.1	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	213.1	210.2	1.7	-2.9	1.0	1.9	-1.4	0.5	0.9
Employment	191.8	191.1	1.8	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Unemployment	21.2	19.2	1.6	-2.0	1.2	2.3	-9.4	6.7	13.6
Participation rate	70.1	69.1	0.6	-1.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.1	0.8	-0.8	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	6.4	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	332.9	333.0	...	0.1	1.4	1.7	0.0	0.4	0.5
Labour force	187.6	189.5	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.3	1.0	1.2	1.2
Employment	175.4	175.4	1.6	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.9
Unemployment	12.2	14.1	1.5	1.9	1.3	0.8	15.6	10.2	6.0
Participation rate	56.4	56.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.4	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.7	52.7	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.3	22.7	1.2	-0.6	-1.3	-2.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	432.9	436.2	3.2	3.3	3.9	6.6	0.8	0.9	1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	94.4	94.3	2.2	-0.1	-0.6	-1.6	-0.1	-0.6	-1.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.4	7.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.0	10.9	14.5	0.0
Utilities	13.2	13.4	0.9	0.2	-1.9	0.0	1.5	-12.4	0.0
Construction	2.8	2.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-17.9	-20.7	-17.9
Manufacturing	23.7	23.6	1.3	-0.1	-1.4	-1.8	-0.4	-5.6	-7.1
Manufacturing	48.3	47.9	1.5	-0.4	2.3	0.8	-0.8	5.0	1.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	338.4	341.9	3.0	3.5	4.4	8.2	1.0	1.3	2.5
Trade	74.1	73.5	1.7	-0.6	-1.9	-3.4	-0.8	-2.5	-4.4
Transportation and warehousing	20.7	20.8	1.0	0.1	1.5	2.0	0.5	7.8	10.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.6	19.3	0.9	-2.3	-2.7	-2.8	-10.6	-12.3	-12.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.6	19.6	0.9	1.0	-1.2	2.3	5.4	-5.8	13.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.2	22.4	1.1	-0.8	0.7	0.6	-3.4	3.2	2.8
Educational services	31.8	32.7	1.3	0.9	-1.8	-0.6	2.8	-5.2	-1.8
Health care and social assistance	54.0	56.2	1.3	2.2	4.5	5.5	4.1	8.7	10.8
Information, culture and recreation	17.2	18.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.6	9.3	9.9	9.3
Accommodation and food services	30.8	31.9	1.3	1.1	3.6	0.6	3.6	12.7	1.9
Other services	18.2	17.7	1.1	-0.5	-4.7	-2.9	-2.7	-21.0	-14.1
Public administration	28.3	29.1	1.0	0.8	5.2	5.4	2.8	21.8	22.8

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 7

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

	August 2003	September 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	610.0	610.2	...	0.2	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	381.0	383.7	2.5	2.7	-6.5	-4.8	0.7	-1.7	-1.2
Employment	338.6	342.7	2.6	4.1	-7.3	-6.1	1.2	-2.1	-1.7
Employment full-time	286.4	290.6	2.9	4.2	-5.2	-1.5	1.5	-1.8	-0.5
Unemployment	42.4	41.0	2.2	-1.4	0.8	1.3	-3.3	2.0	3.3
Participation rate	62.5	62.9	0.4	0.4	-1.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.7	0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	56.2	0.4	0.7	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	15.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.4	97.4	...	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.8
Labour force	60.3	63.6	1.3	3.3	-1.4	-2.0	5.5	-2.2	-3.0
Employment	48.3	50.7	1.3	2.4	-4.7	-5.2	5.0	-8.5	-9.3
Unemployment	12.0	12.9	1.1	0.9	3.4	3.2	7.5	35.8	33.0
Participation rate	61.9	65.3	1.4	3.4	-1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.9	20.3	1.6	0.4	5.7	5.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.6	52.1	1.3	2.5	-4.5	-4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.9	38.7	2.2	-0.3	6.0	2.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.8	247.9	...	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	170.2	171.1	1.5	0.9	-2.1	-1.8	0.5	-1.2	-1.0
Employment	151.1	152.8	1.6	1.7	-1.5	-1.2	1.1	-1.0	-0.8
Unemployment	19.1	18.3	1.4	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-4.2	-3.2	-3.2
Participation rate	68.7	69.0	0.6	0.3	-1.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	10.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.6	0.7	0.6	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	4.7	0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	264.8	265.0	...	0.2	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	150.5	149.0	1.3	-1.5	-3.0	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0	-0.7
Employment	139.2	139.1	1.3	-0.1	-1.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	0.1
Unemployment	11.3	9.9	1.1	-1.4	-1.9	-1.2	-12.4	-16.1	-10.8
Participation rate	56.8	56.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	6.6	0.7	-0.9	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	52.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.1	1.1	-0.6	-2.7	-3.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	338.6	342.7	2.6	4.1	-7.3	-6.1	1.2	-2.1	-1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	77.5	79.6	1.8	2.1	0.0	-1.3	2.7	0.0	-1.6
Agriculture	4.6	5.0	0.5	0.4	-1.5	-0.6	8.7	-23.1	-10.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	10.3	11.1	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.1	7.8	0.0	0.9
Utilities	3.8	4.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	-1.2	5.3	0.0	-23.1
Construction	17.4	16.6	1.0	-0.8	-3.0	-3.2	-4.6	-15.3	-16.2
Manufacturing	41.6	43.0	1.2	1.4	4.5	3.7	3.4	11.7	9.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	261.1	263.0	2.3	1.9	-7.4	-4.9	0.7	-2.7	-1.8
Trade	52.0	55.1	1.3	3.1	1.2	1.2	6.0	2.2	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	19.7	19.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-1.0	-1.0	2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.9	14.7	0.6	0.8	0.3	-0.8	5.8	2.1	-5.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.6	14.6	0.7	0.0	-1.1	-0.6	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	21.3	22.7	1.0	1.4	-0.6	1.7	6.6	-2.6	8.1
Educational services	22.9	22.6	0.8	-0.3	1.3	0.3	-1.3	6.1	1.3
Health care and social assistance	45.0	46.3	1.0	1.3	2.6	3.3	2.9	5.9	7.7
Information, culture and recreation	12.4	10.7	0.7	-1.7	-2.2	-1.0	-13.7	-17.1	-8.5
Accommodation and food services	21.8	21.2	1.0	-0.6	-4.6	-4.4	-2.8	-17.8	-17.2
Other services	17.3	16.3	0.8	-1.0	-1.6	-2.6	-5.8	-8.9	-13.8
Public administration	20.2	19.3	0.7	-0.9	-2.4	-2.3	-4.5	-11.1	-10.6

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 8

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

	August 2003	September 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	6,088.1	6,095.2	...	7.1	40.1	51.1	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	4,022.2	4,014.9	15.6	-7.3	23.2	79.3	-0.2	0.6	2.0
Employment	3,621.4	3,628.6	15.8	7.2	-25.5	22.6	0.2	-0.7	0.6
Employment full-time	2,970.5	2,961.4	18.5	-9.1	-23.8	-1.2	-0.3	-0.8	0.0
Unemployment	400.8	386.3	13.4	-14.5	48.7	56.6	-3.6	14.4	17.2
Participation rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.6	0.3	-0.4	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.5	0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	950.5	950.4	...	-0.1	-4.0	-5.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.6
Labour force	653.2	643.1	8.7	-10.1	4.5	19.2	-1.5	0.7	3.1
Employment	557.7	548.9	8.6	-8.8	-7.1	10.2	-1.6	-1.3	1.9
Unemployment	95.6	94.1	7.3	-1.5	11.5	8.9	-1.6	13.9	10.4
Participation rate	68.7	67.7	0.9	-1.0	0.8	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	14.6	1.1	0.0	1.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	57.8	0.9	-0.9	-0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.1	44.8	1.5	0.7	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,504.9	2,508.6	...	3.7	21.9	28.0	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	1,840.5	1,834.6	8.4	-5.9	0.9	15.4	-0.3	0.0	0.8
Employment	1,666.7	1,664.8	9.2	-1.9	-25.7	-15.7	-0.1	-1.5	-0.9
Unemployment	173.8	169.8	8.0	-4.0	26.7	31.1	-2.3	18.7	22.4
Participation rate	73.5	73.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.3	0.4	-0.1	1.5	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,632.6	2,636.2	...	3.6	22.2	28.4	0.1	0.8	1.1
Labour force	1,528.5	1,537.2	8.9	8.7	17.8	44.7	0.6	1.2	3.0
Employment	1,397.0	1,414.8	9.0	17.8	7.3	28.0	1.3	0.5	2.0
Unemployment	131.5	122.4	7.6	-9.1	10.5	16.6	-6.9	9.4	15.7
Participation rate	58.1	58.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.0	0.5	-0.6	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.1	53.7	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.9	0.7	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,621.4	3,628.6	15.8	7.2	-25.5	22.6	0.2	-0.7	0.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	919.5	926.8	11.5	7.3	-36.0	-27.8	0.8	-3.7	-2.9
Agriculture	53.7	57.7	2.7	4.0	-9.4	-2.9	7.4	-14.0	-4.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	37.0	36.7	2.5	-0.3	-1.7	-5.8	-0.8	-4.4	-13.6
Utilities	29.5	29.1	1.7	-0.4	-2.1	-4.7	-1.4	-6.7	-13.9
Construction	167.4	174.3	5.9	6.9	13.6	6.7	4.1	8.5	4.0
Manufacturing	631.9	629.0	9.7	-2.9	-36.3	-21.0	-0.5	-5.5	-3.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,701.9	2,701.8	15.9	-0.1	10.5	50.4	0.0	0.4	1.9
Trade	603.9	600.4	10.1	-3.5	0.4	4.1	-0.6	0.1	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	168.2	164.9	5.2	-3.3	8.1	11.7	-2.0	5.2	7.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	185.1	186.2	5.6	1.1	3.1	1.3	0.6	1.7	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	205.9	208.8	6.4	2.9	-15.3	-12.3	1.4	-6.8	-5.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	110.0	107.7	5.6	-2.3	-15.3	-8.0	-2.1	-12.4	-6.9
Educational services	241.6	247.9	6.1	6.3	0.8	6.8	2.6	0.3	2.8
Health care and social assistance	422.5	429.9	7.2	7.4	11.5	15.7	1.8	2.7	3.8
Information, culture and recreation	151.7	151.0	5.9	-0.7	-2.7	-1.5	-0.5	-1.8	-1.0
Accommodation and food services	225.0	223.7	6.6	-1.3	9.3	18.8	-0.6	4.3	9.2
Other services	167.5	159.8	5.7	-7.7	-7.4	-1.7	-4.6	-4.4	-1.1
Public administration	220.5	221.3	5.1	0.8	17.8	15.3	0.4	8.7	7.4

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 9

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

	August 2003	September 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	9,800.9	9,819.2	...	18.3	115.5	147.6	0.2	1.2	1.5
Labour force	6,691.5	6,741.3	17.8	49.8	108.2	135.7	0.7	1.6	2.1
Employment	6,213.2	6,251.7	18.5	38.5	85.7	127.4	0.6	1.4	2.1
Employment full-time	5,061.8	5,113.2	22.0	51.4	73.4	106.6	1.0	1.5	2.1
Unemployment	478.3	489.6	14.5	11.3	22.5	8.3	2.4	4.8	1.7
Participation rate	68.3	68.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,601.2	1,604.2	...	3.0	21.4	26.5	0.2	1.4	1.7
Labour force	1,056.4	1,081.0	10.8	24.6	22.6	23.0	2.3	2.1	2.2
Employment	895.6	913.6	10.4	18.0	3.9	3.1	2.0	0.4	0.3
Unemployment	160.7	167.4	9.1	6.7	18.6	19.9	4.2	12.5	13.5
Participation rate	66.0	67.4	0.7	1.4	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	15.5	0.8	0.3	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	57.0	0.7	1.1	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.7	48.0	1.0	-1.7	0.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,983.9	3,991.5	...	7.6	44.6	57.8	0.2	1.1	1.5
Labour force	3,020.4	3,033.0	9.0	12.6	41.9	60.7	0.4	1.4	2.0
Employment	2,849.0	2,865.3	10.1	16.3	49.7	72.6	0.6	1.8	2.6
Unemployment	171.4	167.7	8.3	-3.7	-7.7	-11.9	-2.2	-4.4	-6.6
Participation rate	75.8	76.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.9	0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,215.7	4,223.5	...	7.8	49.6	63.2	0.2	1.2	1.5
Labour force	2,614.8	2,627.3	10.6	12.5	43.7	52.1	0.5	1.7	2.0
Employment	2,468.6	2,472.8	10.9	4.2	32.1	51.7	0.2	1.3	2.1
Unemployment	146.2	154.5	8.2	8.3	11.6	0.4	5.7	8.1	0.3
Participation rate	62.0	62.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.5	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	21.5	0.5	-0.6	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,213.2	6,251.7	18.5	38.5	85.7	127.4	0.6	1.4	2.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,654.9	1,662.5	14.3	7.6	6.3	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.1
Agriculture	83.3	84.4	3.6	1.1	2.5	3.6	1.3	3.1	4.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.8	31.5	1.7	0.7	-0.7	-2.6	2.3	-2.2	-7.6
Utilities	58.3	56.8	2.5	-1.5	6.4	4.7	-2.6	12.7	9.0
Construction	391.6	404.5	7.9	12.9	31.1	50.3	3.3	8.3	14.2
Manufacturing	1,090.8	1,085.2	12.4	-5.6	-33.0	-54.8	-0.5	-3.0	-4.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,558.4	4,589.3	19.3	30.9	79.5	126.1	0.7	1.8	2.8
Trade	927.3	930.0	11.1	2.7	-6.7	8.6	0.3	-0.7	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	279.9	284.1	6.7	4.2	6.7	-18.1	1.5	2.4	-6.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	435.2	443.1	7.4	7.9	33.9	37.3	1.8	8.3	9.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	439.7	432.0	8.5	-7.7	-12.8	-7.1	-1.8	-2.9	-1.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	257.1	261.2	7.6	4.1	2.9	9.7	1.6	1.1	3.9
Educational services	375.8	386.6	7.2	10.8	-10.3	0.2	2.9	-2.6	0.1
Health care and social assistance	610.9	617.8	7.5	6.9	32.7	44.7	1.1	5.6	7.8
Information, culture and recreation	296.3	299.3	7.0	3.0	19.9	15.0	1.0	7.1	5.3
Accommodation and food services	366.3	363.5	8.1	-2.8	-15.2	-6.4	-0.8	-4.0	-1.7
Other services	261.2	257.2	6.8	-4.0	8.1	15.1	-1.5	3.3	6.2
Public administration	308.7	314.4	5.7	5.7	20.1	27.1	1.8	6.8	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 10

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

	August 2003	September 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	868.8	869.6	...	0.8	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	601.3	598.2	2.8	-3.1	-3.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.1
Employment	572.0	563.7	2.9	-8.3	-8.4	-4.7	-1.5	-1.5	-0.8
Employment full-time	458.7	451.7	3.6	-7.0	-10.6	-0.8	-1.5	-2.3	-0.2
Unemployment	29.4	34.4	2.2	5.0	5.1	4.9	17.0	17.4	16.6
Participation rate	69.2	68.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	64.8	0.3	-1.0	-1.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.8	19.9	0.6	0.1	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	150.1	150.3	...	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6
Labour force	108.0	107.8	1.7	-0.2	-1.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.9	0.0
Employment	98.0	95.6	1.7	-2.4	-3.1	-2.9	-2.4	-3.1	-2.9
Unemployment	10.0	12.2	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.9	22.0	20.8	31.2
Participation rate	72.0	71.7	1.1	-0.3	-1.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	11.3	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	63.6	1.2	-1.7	-2.6	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	45.2	1.8	2.0	1.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	350.8	351.1	...	0.3	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	265.6	264.9	1.5	-0.7	-2.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0
Employment	255.7	253.2	1.5	-2.5	-3.3	-0.3	-1.0	-1.3	-0.1
Unemployment	9.9	11.7	1.2	1.8	1.3	0.3	18.2	12.5	2.6
Participation rate	75.7	75.4	0.4	-0.3	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.9	72.1	0.4	-0.8	-1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.5	0.6	-0.4	1.5	1.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	367.8	368.1	...	0.3	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	227.8	225.5	1.6	-2.3	-0.3	0.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.1
Employment	218.3	215.0	1.6	-3.3	-1.9	-1.5	-1.5	-0.9	-0.7
Unemployment	9.5	10.5	1.1	1.0	1.7	1.8	10.5	19.3	20.7
Participation rate	61.9	61.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.7	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	58.4	0.4	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.4	24.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	572.0	563.7	2.9	-8.3	-8.4	-4.7	-1.5	-1.5	-0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	141.1	138.5	2.1	-2.6	0.4	2.0	-1.8	0.3	1.5
Agriculture	30.9	29.1	1.1	-1.8	-3.1	-3.8	-5.8	-9.6	-11.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.6	5.7	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.2	1.8	0.0	-3.4
Utilities	7.2	6.6	0.4	-0.6	0.4	-0.5	-8.3	6.5	-7.0
Construction	28.6	26.4	1.1	-2.2	0.3	2.6	-7.7	1.1	10.9
Manufacturing	68.7	70.7	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.9	2.9	4.0	5.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	430.9	425.2	3.0	-5.7	-8.8	-6.7	-1.3	-2.0	-1.6
Trade	84.0	84.6	1.8	0.6	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.6	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	34.3	33.6	1.1	-0.7	-1.3	-1.9	-2.0	-3.7	-5.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.0	29.1	0.9	0.1	1.6	1.0	0.3	5.8	3.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.5	22.7	1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8	-3.4	-2.6	-3.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	19.5	17.7	1.0	-1.8	-3.1	-2.6	-9.2	-14.9	-12.8
Educational services	41.7	41.9	1.2	0.2	-1.2	-1.4	0.5	-2.8	-3.2
Health care and social assistance	73.1	72.1	1.3	-1.0	-5.5	-3.6	-1.4	-7.1	-4.8
Information, culture and recreation	22.2	23.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.3	5.0	4.5	1.3
Accommodation and food services	38.7	38.3	1.4	-0.4	-1.1	2.5	-1.0	-2.8	7.0
Other services	29.7	27.9	1.1	-1.8	-1.1	1.0	-6.1	-3.8	3.7
Public administration	35.3	34.1	1.0	-1.2	2.2	-0.9	-3.4	6.9	-2.6

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

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

	August 2003	September 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	756.0	...	0.2	-1.6	-2.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	515.2	511.9	2.6	-3.3	-9.0	-3.9	-0.6	-1.7	-0.8
Employment	486.1	482.7	2.7	-3.4	-9.0	-4.7	-0.7	-1.8	-1.0
Employment full-time	387.2	379.8	3.2	-7.4	-10.3	-7.6	-1.9	-2.6	-2.0
Unemployment	29.1	29.2	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	2.8
Participation rate	68.2	67.7	0.3	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	63.8	0.4	-0.5	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.3	21.3	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.4	138.3	...	-0.1	-1.3	-2.1	-0.1	-0.9	-1.5
Labour force	94.0	89.5	1.6	-4.5	-6.4	-4.6	-4.8	-6.7	-4.9
Employment	84.3	79.4	1.6	-4.9	-7.3	-5.1	-5.8	-8.4	-6.0
Unemployment	9.7	10.1	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.5	4.1	9.8	5.2
Participation rate	67.9	64.7	1.1	-3.2	-4.0	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	11.3	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	57.4	1.2	-3.5	-4.7	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.9	44.8	1.7	3.9	1.6	1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.0	301.1	...	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	227.1	227.7	1.3	0.6	-2.2	-0.8	0.3	-1.0	-0.4
Employment	215.2	215.9	1.4	0.7	-1.8	-1.7	0.3	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	12.0	11.8	1.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.9	-1.7	-3.3	8.3
Participation rate	75.4	75.6	0.4	0.2	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.7	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	7.4	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.4	316.5	...	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	194.1	194.8	1.4	0.7	-0.2	1.6	0.4	-0.1	0.8
Employment	186.6	187.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	2.2	0.5	0.2	1.2
Unemployment	7.5	7.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-2.7	-6.4	-6.4
Participation rate	61.3	61.5	0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.2	27.4	1.0	1.2	2.0	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	486.1	482.7	2.7	-3.4	-9.0	-4.7	-0.7	-1.8	-1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	119.6	119.0	2.1	-0.6	-8.5	-10.0	-0.5	-6.7	-7.8
Agriculture	46.0	43.4	1.4	-2.6	-9.3	-9.6	-5.7	-17.6	-18.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.3	18.2	0.8	0.9	1.8	2.8	5.2	11.0	18.2
Utilities	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	4.1	13.3	13.3
Construction	23.9	24.5	1.1	0.6	-0.5	-2.5	2.5	-2.0	-9.3
Manufacturing	27.5	27.8	1.0	0.3	-1.0	-1.3	1.1	-3.5	-4.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	366.5	363.7	2.6	-2.8	-0.5	5.3	-0.8	-0.1	1.5
Trade	77.5	77.1	1.5	-0.4	-3.4	-1.6	-0.5	-4.2	-2.0
Transportation and warehousing	23.9	23.0	0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-1.4	-3.8	-3.0	-5.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.9	26.8	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-1.3	-0.4	1.5	-4.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.8	17.5	0.7	-1.3	0.0	-0.1	-6.9	0.0	-0.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	10.7	11.2	0.8	0.5	-0.6	0.1	4.7	-5.1	0.9
Educational services	41.2	40.7	1.2	-0.5	0.2	0.4	-1.2	0.5	1.0
Health care and social assistance	59.8	61.2	1.1	1.4	3.0	3.7	2.3	5.2	6.4
Information, culture and recreation	18.3	19.2	0.9	0.9	-1.0	-1.3	4.9	-5.0	-6.3
Accommodation and food services	35.6	34.9	1.3	-0.7	0.4	2.9	-2.0	1.2	9.1
Other services	25.8	24.7	0.9	-1.1	0.2	2.3	-4.3	0.8	10.3
Public administration	27.9	27.4	0.9	-0.5	1.0	1.5	-1.8	3.8	5.8

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 12

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

	August 2003	September 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	2,478.6	2,483.6	...	5.0	38.5	51.3	0.2	1.6	2.1
Labour force	1,818.3	1,825.1	7.5	6.8	29.3	45.0	0.4	1.6	2.5
Employment	1,724.8	1,735.0	8.0	10.2	27.5	58.7	0.6	1.6	3.5
Employment full-time	1,413.9	1,420.6	10.0	6.7	20.6	44.5	0.5	1.5	3.2
Unemployment	93.5	90.1	5.8	-3.4	1.7	-13.7	-3.6	1.9	-13.2
Participation rate	73.4	73.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	464.4	465.0	...	0.6	5.8	8.7	0.1	1.3	1.9
Labour force	338.7	338.7	4.9	0.0	18.1	18.6	0.0	5.6	5.8
Employment	308.6	307.3	5.0	-1.3	16.2	25.7	-0.4	5.6	9.1
Unemployment	30.2	31.4	3.8	1.2	1.9	-7.1	4.0	6.4	-18.4
Participation rate	72.9	72.8	1.1	-0.1	3.0	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.3	1.1	0.4	0.1	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.1	1.1	-0.4	2.7	4.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.5	40.9	1.6	1.4	3.9	2.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,007.8	1,010.0	...	2.2	16.6	21.6	0.2	1.7	2.2
Labour force	823.8	824.0	3.5	0.2	9.3	14.9	0.0	1.1	1.8
Employment	790.1	791.3	4.1	1.2	11.0	20.0	0.2	1.4	2.6
Unemployment	33.7	32.8	3.3	-0.9	-1.6	-5.0	-2.7	-4.7	-13.2
Participation rate	81.7	81.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.4	78.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	5.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,006.4	1,008.6	...	2.2	16.1	21.1	0.2	1.6	2.1
Labour force	655.8	662.4	4.2	6.6	1.9	11.5	1.0	0.3	1.8
Employment	626.1	636.4	4.4	10.3	0.3	13.1	1.6	0.0	2.1
Unemployment	29.6	26.0	3.0	-3.6	1.5	-1.5	-12.2	6.1	-5.5
Participation rate	65.2	65.7	0.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	3.9	0.5	-0.6	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	63.1	0.4	0.9	-1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.4	23.2	0.9	-0.1	-1.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,724.8	1,735.0	8.0	10.2	27.5	58.7	0.6	1.6	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	492.6	489.5	6.0	-3.1	20.5	29.8	-0.6	4.4	6.5
Agriculture	71.5	70.0	2.8	-1.5	1.7	7.8	-2.1	2.5	12.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	109.2	109.7	2.6	0.5	15.7	23.5	0.5	16.7	27.3
Utilities	12.6	12.5	1.0	-0.1	-3.5	-5.0	-0.8	-21.9	-28.6
Construction	157.8	156.1	4.1	-1.7	15.3	17.4	-1.1	10.9	12.5
Manufacturing	141.4	141.2	3.7	-0.2	-8.8	-13.9	-0.1	-5.9	-9.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,232.2	1,245.5	8.1	13.3	7.1	28.9	1.1	0.6	2.4
Trade	265.0	272.6	4.8	7.6	25.3	27.8	2.9	10.2	11.4
Transportation and warehousing	91.6	91.8	3.1	0.2	-9.3	-9.3	0.2	-9.2	-9.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	86.7	90.1	2.6	3.4	7.2	0.0	3.9	8.7	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	119.5	121.3	3.5	1.8	-1.3	-1.2	1.5	-1.1	-1.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	60.2	61.3	3.0	1.1	-8.9	2.3	1.8	-12.7	3.9
Educational services	109.4	108.2	2.9	-1.2	1.6	2.4	-1.1	1.5	2.3
Health care and social assistance	156.1	157.3	3.2	1.2	-4.3	-4.8	0.8	-2.7	-3.0
Information, culture and recreation	72.2	73.3	2.9	1.1	-3.3	3.7	1.5	-4.3	5.3
Accommodation and food services	117.0	119.7	3.7	2.7	0.7	1.2	2.3	0.6	1.0
Other services	81.9	76.7	2.8	-5.2	0.1	-1.7	-6.3	0.1	-2.2
Public administration	72.7	73.0	2.3	0.3	-0.9	8.0	0.4	-1.2	12.3

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Table 13

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

	August 2003	September 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	3,370.9	3,374.2	...	3.3	31.1	38.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	2,216.4	2,218.9	10.8	2.5	42.0	39.5	0.1	1.9	1.8
Employment	2,023.3	2,018.0	10.9	-5.3	23.4	16.7	-0.3	1.2	0.8
Employment full-time	1,560.4	1,558.3	13.2	-2.1	43.6	14.4	-0.1	2.9	0.9
Unemployment	193.1	200.9	8.9	7.8	18.6	22.8	4.0	10.2	12.8
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.1	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.8	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	22.8	0.6	-0.1	-1.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	550.0	550.9	...	0.9	6.1	6.9	0.2	1.1	1.3
Labour force	348.0	346.3	6.1	-1.7	-2.3	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2
Employment	290.5	289.4	5.6	-1.1	-6.8	-10.0	-0.4	-2.3	-3.3
Unemployment	57.6	56.9	5.0	-0.7	4.5	9.4	-1.2	8.6	19.8
Participation rate	63.3	62.9	1.1	-0.4	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.6	16.4	1.4	-0.2	1.4	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.8	52.5	1.0	-0.3	-1.9	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.7	50.8	1.9	0.1	-3.1	1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,375.3	1,376.1	...	0.8	10.5	13.5	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	993.2	1,004.8	5.7	11.6	28.2	24.1	1.2	2.9	2.5
Employment	916.7	923.4	6.0	6.7	19.0	10.6	0.7	2.1	1.2
Unemployment	76.5	81.4	5.3	4.9	9.2	13.4	6.4	12.7	19.7
Participation rate	72.2	73.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	67.1	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	8.1	0.6	0.3	-0.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,445.6	1,447.2	...	1.6	14.4	17.9	0.1	1.0	1.3
Labour force	875.2	867.9	6.2	-7.3	16.2	16.2	-0.8	1.9	1.9
Employment	816.2	805.2	6.3	-11.0	11.2	16.1	-1.3	1.4	2.0
Unemployment	59.0	62.7	4.9	3.7	4.9	0.2	6.3	8.5	0.3
Participation rate	60.5	60.0	0.4	-0.5	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.2	0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	55.6	0.4	-0.9	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	29.9	29.5	1.0	-0.3	-0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,023.3	2,018.0	10.9	-5.3	23.4	16.7	-0.3	1.2	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	419.5	411.8	7.0	-7.7	-4.7	1.5	-1.8	-1.1	0.4
Agriculture	33.6	31.4	2.4	-2.2	-4.5	-1.7	-6.5	-12.5	-5.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	42.3	46.0	2.6	3.7	4.0	6.1	8.7	9.5	15.3
Utilities	13.6	12.4	1.1	-1.2	-0.6	0.2	-8.8	-4.6	1.6
Construction	122.3	117.2	4.3	-5.1	-6.7	-7.4	-4.2	-5.4	-5.9
Manufacturing	207.6	204.8	4.7	-2.8	3.2	4.3	-1.3	1.6	2.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,603.8	1,606.2	10.7	2.4	28.1	15.1	0.1	1.8	0.9
Trade	316.3	321.4	6.1	5.1	-3.5	-2.4	1.6	-1.1	-0.7
Transportation and warehousing	113.8	108.5	3.9	-5.3	-6.9	-8.2	-4.7	-6.0	-7.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	123.3	124.7	3.8	1.4	-4.2	0.8	1.1	-3.3	0.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	149.1	150.9	4.4	1.8	15.4	8.2	1.2	11.4	5.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	80.9	80.2	3.6	-0.7	5.3	6.5	-0.9	7.1	8.8
Educational services	145.8	140.0	4.2	-5.8	1.8	-1.9	-4.0	1.3	-1.3
Health care and social assistance	209.7	206.5	4.4	-3.2	-13.1	-11.5	-1.5	-6.0	-5.3
Information, culture and recreation	107.6	109.9	4.2	2.3	7.2	6.8	2.1	7.0	6.6
Accommodation and food services	168.8	170.9	4.9	2.1	9.0	4.8	1.2	5.6	2.9
Other services	98.8	100.0	4.0	1.2	8.1	7.7	1.2	8.8	8.3
Public administration	89.6	93.2	2.9	3.6	9.0	4.4	4.0	10.7	5.0

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Table 14

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

	August 2003	September 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	143.9	144.0	...	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.7	1.0
Labour force	98.5	98.5	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.3	2.1
Employment	89.7	89.5	0.9	-0.2	1.1	1.5	-0.2	1.2	1.7
Unemployment	8.7	9.0	0.5	0.3	-0.8	0.5	3.4	-8.2	5.9
Participation rate	68.5	68.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.1	0.5	0.3	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	288.6	289.0	...	0.4	3.2	4.2	0.1	1.1	1.5
Labour force	203.2	203.5	1.3	0.3	6.6	3.8	0.1	3.4	1.9
Employment	188.7	188.7	1.3	0.0	6.4	4.4	0.0	3.5	2.4
Unemployment	14.5	14.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	-0.5	2.8	2.1	-3.2
Participation rate	70.4	70.4	0.4	0.0	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.3	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.3	0.5	-0.1	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	100.9	101.0	...	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Labour force	64.0	63.7	0.6	-0.3	-4.5	-4.2	-0.5	-6.6	-6.2
Employment	57.8	57.6	0.7	-0.2	-5.7	-5.3	-0.3	-9.0	-8.4
Unemployment	6.2	6.1	0.3	-0.1	1.2	1.0	-1.6	24.5	19.6
Participation rate	63.4	63.1	0.6	-0.3	-4.4	-4.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.6	0.5	-0.1	2.4	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.0	0.7	-0.3	-5.7	-5.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	130.6	130.6	...	0.0	-0.9	-1.2	0.0	-0.7	-0.9
Labour force	80.4	80.5	0.8	0.1	2.2	4.2	0.1	2.8	5.5
Employment	72.0	71.9	0.8	-0.1	1.8	3.7	-0.1	2.6	5.4
Unemployment	8.3	8.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	3.6	4.9	6.2
Participation rate	61.6	61.6	0.6	0.0	2.1	3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	55.1	0.6	0.0	1.8	3.4	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	576.5	577.0	...	0.5	3.4	4.4	0.1	0.6	0.8
Labour force	392.3	388.3	2.8	-4.0	8.7	1.9	-1.0	2.3	0.5
Employment	371.3	365.1	3.0	-6.2	8.2	2.4	-1.7	2.3	0.7
Unemployment	21.0	23.2	1.5	2.2	0.5	-0.5	10.5	2.2	-2.1
Participation rate	68.0	67.3	0.5	-0.7	1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	63.3	0.5	-1.1	1.1	0.0	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.5	117.6	...	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3
Labour force	71.3	72.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.8	0.4
Employment	63.2	64.0	0.7	0.8	-1.1	-0.8	1.3	-1.7	-1.2
Unemployment	8.1	8.3	0.4	0.2	1.7	1.1	2.5	25.8	15.3
Participation rate	60.7	61.5	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.5	0.6	0.1	2.3	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	54.4	0.6	0.6	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	128.3	128.5	...	0.2	1.1	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.1
Labour force	85.3	86.1	0.8	0.8	2.7	2.9	0.9	3.2	3.5
Employment	78.4	78.9	0.8	0.5	1.9	1.6	0.6	2.5	2.1
Unemployment	6.9	7.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.2	4.3	12.5	20.0
Participation rate	66.5	67.0	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.4	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	August 2003	September 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	2,905.3	2,908.9	...	3.6	29.7	40.0	0.1	1.0	1.4
Labour force	1,973.1	1,978.8	7.2	5.7	14.9	47.6	0.3	0.8	2.5
Employment	1,774.6	1,779.2	7.5	4.6	-24.5	10.7	0.3	-1.4	0.6
Unemployment	198.4	199.6	4.7	1.2	39.4	36.9	0.6	24.6	22.7
Participation rate	67.9	68.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.1	0.2	0.0	1.9	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.2	0.3	0.1	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	914.0	915.6	...	1.6	13.9	18.7	0.2	1.5	2.1
Labour force	658.6	659.6	3.2	1.0	23.6	31.2	0.2	3.7	5.0
Employment	617.6	617.2	3.4	-0.4	30.3	33.4	-0.1	5.2	5.7
Unemployment	41.0	42.4	1.8	1.4	-6.8	-2.2	3.4	-13.8	-4.9
Participation rate	72.1	72.0	0.4	-0.1	1.5	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.4	0.3	0.2	-1.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.4	0.4	-0.2	2.3	2.3	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,154.1	4,162.4	...	8.3	73.5	100.6	0.2	1.8	2.5
Labour force	2,911.3	2,908.2	8.3	-3.1	46.0	67.1	-0.1	1.6	2.4
Employment	2,665.9	2,665.9	8.7	0.0	7.6	52.4	0.0	0.3	2.0
Unemployment	245.4	242.2	5.2	-3.2	38.3	14.7	-1.3	18.8	6.5
Participation rate	70.1	69.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.3	0.2	-0.1	1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.0	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	565.3	565.8	...	0.5	4.3	5.9	0.1	0.8	1.1
Labour force	390.4	393.6	2.7	3.2	12.6	18.0	0.8	3.3	4.8
Employment	364.9	365.4	2.8	0.5	7.2	16.4	0.1	2.0	4.7
Unemployment	25.5	28.2	1.3	2.7	5.4	1.6	10.6	23.7	6.0
Participation rate	69.1	69.6	0.5	0.5	1.7	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.2	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	356.4	357.1	...	0.7	4.5	6.1	0.2	1.3	1.7
Labour force	248.9	250.1	1.6	1.2	2.8	6.4	0.5	1.1	2.6
Employment	233.2	234.1	1.6	0.9	-0.5	4.3	0.4	-0.2	1.9
Unemployment	15.7	16.0	0.8	0.3	3.2	2.0	1.9	25.0	14.3
Participation rate	69.8	70.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.6	0.5	0.2	-0.9	0.1	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	347.6	347.9	...	0.3	1.6	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.7
Labour force	233.2	236.0	1.8	2.8	3.9	-0.2	1.2	1.7	-0.1
Employment	217.8	219.1	1.8	1.3	1.8	-1.0	0.6	0.8	-0.5
Unemployment	15.4	16.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.7	9.1	13.5	4.3
Participation rate	67.1	67.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	63.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	247.9	248.3	...	0.4	3.6	4.8	0.2	1.5	2.0
Labour force	184.7	184.0	1.1	-0.7	11.2	15.6	-0.4	6.5	9.3
Employment	174.9	174.2	1.1	-0.7	12.0	16.1	-0.4	7.4	10.2
Unemployment	9.8	9.9	0.5	0.1	-0.7	-0.4	1.0	-6.6	-3.9
Participation rate	74.5	74.1	0.5	-0.4	3.5	4.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	0.3	0.1	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	70.2	0.5	-0.4	3.9	5.3	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	August 2003	September 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	325.7	325.9	...	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	210.7	211.9	1.6	1.2	2.0	1.8	0.6	1.0	0.9
Employment	195.9	197.4	1.7	1.5	3.4	0.8	0.8	1.8	0.4
Unemployment	14.7	14.5	0.8	-0.2	-1.3	1.0	-1.4	-8.2	7.4
Participation rate	64.7	65.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.6	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	127.0	126.9	...	-0.1	-0.6	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7
Labour force	79.4	78.6	0.8	-0.8	0.0	-3.1	-1.0	0.0	-3.8
Employment	72.8	71.8	0.8	-1.0	-0.5	-2.7	-1.4	-0.7	-3.6
Unemployment	6.6	6.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.4	3.0	7.9	-5.6
Participation rate	62.5	61.9	0.6	-0.6	0.3	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.6	0.6	-0.7	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.6	100.5	...	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8
Labour force	68.1	68.0	0.6	-0.1	1.3	2.4	-0.1	1.9	3.7
Employment	64.3	64.2	0.6	-0.1	1.7	2.8	-0.2	2.7	4.6
Unemployment	3.8	3.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-2.6	-11.9	-11.9
Participation rate	67.7	67.7	0.6	0.0	1.7	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.9	0.5	0.0	2.1	3.3	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	260.6	261.0	...	0.4	3.5	4.8	0.2	1.4	1.9
Labour force	175.4	174.5	1.4	-0.9	-0.6	1.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.6
Employment	162.9	162.4	1.4	-0.5	0.2	2.6	-0.3	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	12.5	12.1	0.8	-0.4	-0.8	-1.5	-3.2	-6.2	-11.0
Participation rate	67.3	66.9	0.5	-0.4	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	541.5	542.0	...	0.5	3.0	3.2	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	383.1	381.3	1.3	-1.8	-5.3	-2.5	-0.5	-1.4	-0.7
Employment	364.7	361.6	1.3	-3.1	-4.4	-2.9	-0.9	-1.2	-0.8
Unemployment	18.4	19.7	0.8	1.3	-0.8	0.4	7.1	-3.9	2.1
Participation rate	70.7	70.4	0.2	-0.3	-1.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	66.7	0.2	-0.6	-1.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	155.9	156.0	...	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	112.3	112.5	0.7	0.2	-0.3	-1.6	0.2	-0.3	-1.4
Employment	105.9	105.9	0.7	0.0	-0.9	-1.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.6
Unemployment	6.4	6.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	3.1	10.0	3.1
Participation rate	72.0	72.1	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.9	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	67.9	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	182.9	183.0	...	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3
Labour force	128.3	127.4	0.8	-0.9	-3.1	-0.4	-0.7	-2.4	-0.3
Employment	121.1	120.0	0.8	-1.1	-2.3	0.0	-0.9	-1.9	0.0
Unemployment	7.2	7.4	0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.4	2.8	-9.8	-5.1
Participation rate	70.1	69.6	0.4	-0.5	-1.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	65.6	0.4	-0.6	-1.4	-0.2	...	...	...

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

	August 2003	September 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	838.0	839.8	...	1.8	16.5	22.2	0.2	2.0	2.7
Labour force	630.5	629.7	3.0	-0.8	11.8	5.7	-0.1	1.9	0.9
Employment	600.8	599.7	3.3	-1.1	16.1	14.3	-0.2	2.8	2.4
Unemployment	29.7	30.0	1.7	0.3	-4.3	-8.5	1.0	-12.5	-22.1
Participation rate	75.2	75.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.8	0.3	0.1	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.4	0.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	783.8	785.0	...	1.2	10.2	14.0	0.2	1.3	1.8
Labour force	563.4	565.9	2.7	2.5	8.7	11.4	0.4	1.6	2.1
Employment	534.6	537.9	2.8	3.3	7.7	10.8	0.6	1.5	2.0
Unemployment	28.8	28.1	1.3	-0.7	1.1	0.6	-2.4	4.1	2.2
Participation rate	71.9	72.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,778.8	1,781.5	...	2.7	24.4	32.4	0.2	1.4	1.9
Labour force	1,200.5	1,211.4	4.7	10.9	17.8	32.0	0.9	1.5	2.7
Employment	1,105.6	1,109.4	4.8	3.8	12.2	14.2	0.3	1.1	1.3
Unemployment	95.0	102.0	3.0	7.0	5.7	17.8	7.4	5.9	21.1
Participation rate	67.5	68.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	261.2	261.3	...	0.1	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	165.8	166.6	1.6	0.8	5.1	4.3	0.5	3.2	2.6
Employment	154.9	155.8	1.7	0.9	5.3	4.3	0.6	3.5	2.8
Unemployment	10.9	10.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-1.8	-2.7	-0.9
Participation rate	63.5	63.8	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.6	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.2	...	...	...

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

	August 2003	September 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	2,908.1	2,913.1	...	5.0	31.0	40.2	0.2	1.1	1.4
Labour force	1,987.6	1,990.1	15.6	2.5	7.7	51.5	0.1	0.4	2.7
Employment	1,769.9	1,792.3	15.8	22.4	-22.7	17.5	1.3	-1.3	1.0
Unemployment	217.7	197.8	11.6	-19.9	30.4	34.0	-9.1	18.2	20.8
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	9.9	0.6	-1.1	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	61.5	0.5	0.6	-1.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,161.1	4,171.9	...	10.8	76.0	98.1	0.3	1.9	2.4
Labour force	2,899.6	2,910.9	17.7	11.3	42.5	51.5	0.4	1.5	1.8
Employment	2,654.3	2,674.7	18.3	20.4	6.5	42.2	0.8	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	245.3	236.2	12.2	-9.1	36.0	9.3	-3.7	18.0	4.1
Participation rate	69.7	69.8	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.1	0.4	-0.4	1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.1	0.5	0.3	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,781.4	1,784.3	...	2.9	25.0	31.7	0.2	1.4	1.8
Labour force	1,208.8	1,218.0	10.4	9.2	25.3	24.4	0.8	2.1	2.0
Employment	1,113.8	1,112.3	10.2	-1.5	16.0	10.1	-0.1	1.5	0.9
Unemployment	94.9	105.7	7.2	10.8	9.3	14.3	11.4	9.6	15.6
Participation rate	67.9	68.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...

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 September 2002 and September 2003**

	September	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	24,992.6	17,031.6	15,758.2	1,273.4	68.1	7.5	63.1
	2003	25,290.3	17,348.2	15,990.6	1,357.6	68.6	7.8	63.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	438.8	270.6	231.5	39.1	61.7	14.4	52.8
	2003	438.6	274.6	235.7	38.9	62.6	14.2	53.7
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	207.3	130.6	115.5	15.1	63.0	11.6	55.7
	2003	208.7	134.7	117.8	17.0	64.5	12.6	56.4
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.3	22.1	17.7	4.4	59.2	19.9	47.5
	2003	36.6	20.2	16.3	3.9	55.2	19.3	44.5
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.1	60.1	51.1	8.9	63.9	14.8	54.3
	2003	93.7	61.0	53.1	7.9	65.1	13.0	56.7
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.1	57.8	47.1	10.7	57.7	18.5	47.1
	2003	99.6	58.6	48.5	10.1	58.8	17.2	48.7
Prince Edward Island	2002	112.0	80.3	72.7	7.7	71.7	9.6	64.9
	2003	113.5	81.4	74.8	6.6	71.7	8.1	65.9
Nova Scotia	2002	756.4	486.5	441.3	45.2	64.3	9.3	58.3
	2003	760.6	493.1	446.9	46.2	64.8	9.4	58.8
210 Cape Breton	2002	120.6	67.2	56.7	10.4	55.7	15.5	47.0
	2003	119.7	65.6	54.8	10.8	54.8	16.5	45.8
220 North Shore	2002	133.2	80.8	72.4	8.3	60.7	10.3	54.4
	2003	133.3	84.3	75.9	8.3	63.2	9.8	56.9
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.5	65.5	60.5	5.0	64.5	7.6	59.6
	2003	102.1	63.9	58.5	5.4	62.6	8.5	57.3
240 Southern	2002	104.2	65.0	59.2	5.8	62.4	8.9	56.8
	2003	104.5	66.7	60.2	6.5	63.8	9.7	57.6
250 Halifax	2002	296.8	208.1	192.5	15.6	70.1	7.5	64.9
	2003	301.0	212.7	197.4	15.3	70.7	7.2	65.6
New Brunswick	2002	608.2	399.8	363.9	35.9	65.7	9.0	59.8
	2003	610.0	397.3	360.0	37.3	65.1	9.4	59.0
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	145.8	85.2	73.2	12.0	58.4	14.1	50.2
	2003	144.9	84.4	71.4	13.0	58.2	15.4	49.3
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	153.3	107.5	99.3	8.2	70.1	7.6	64.8
	2003	154.9	107.3	99.2	8.0	69.3	7.5	64.0
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.7	93.6	86.7	6.8	67.0	7.3	62.1
	2003	140.0	90.8	82.6	8.2	64.9	9.0	59.0
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	99.4	68.0	62.8	5.2	68.4	7.6	63.2
	2003	100.2	67.1	62.5	4.6	67.0	6.9	62.4
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	45.6	41.9	3.6	65.2	7.9	59.9
	2003	69.9	47.7	44.3	3.5	68.2	7.3	63.4
Quebec	2002	6,039.8	4,003.0	3,680.9	322.1	66.3	8.0	60.9
	2003	6,089.3	4,076.4	3,707.4	369.0	66.9	9.1	60.9
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.4	47.7	39.7	8.0	57.9	16.8	48.2
	2003	81.9	48.3	41.6	6.7	59.0	13.9	50.8
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	167.9	92.7	84.6	8.1	55.2	8.7	50.4
	2003	167.1	101.1	93.8	7.3	60.5	7.2	56.1
420 Québec	2002	536.0	350.7	329.3	21.4	65.4	6.1	61.4
	2003	540.0	358.4	336.3	22.0	66.4	6.1	62.3

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	September	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.7	228.7	214.5	14.2	71.5	6.2	67.1
	2003	320.2	224.7	214.0	10.7	70.2	4.8	66.8
430 Estrie	2002	238.3	160.8	149.8	11.1	67.5	6.9	62.9
	2003	239.9	162.4	151.5	10.9	67.7	6.7	63.2
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	180.2	116.4	110.6	5.8	64.6	5.0	61.4
	2003	180.6	115.9	105.0	10.9	64.2	9.4	58.1
435 Montérégie	2002	1,076.5	773.0	723.1	49.9	71.8	6.5	67.2
	2003	1,086.3	762.2	705.9	56.3	70.2	7.4	65.0
440 Montréal	2002	1,506.4	967.7	868.6	99.0	64.2	10.2	57.7
	2003	1,524.4	1,010.9	884.1	126.8	66.3	12.5	58.0
445 Laval	2002	291.2	193.5	179.0	14.6	66.4	7.5	61.5
	2003	294.8	198.3	183.5	14.8	67.3	7.5	62.2
450 Lanaudière	2002	324.9	225.6	210.9	14.7	69.4	6.5	64.9
	2003	329.4	226.8	203.2	23.6	68.9	10.4	61.7
455 Laurentides	2002	387.2	260.4	241.2	19.2	67.3	7.4	62.3
	2003	394.7	264.9	244.1	20.8	67.1	7.9	61.8
460 Outaouais	2002	261.8	175.0	161.5	13.5	66.8	7.7	61.7
	2003	266.8	189.2	175.0	14.2	70.9	7.5	65.6
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.0	75.3	67.2	8.1	62.2	10.8	55.5
	2003	119.8	76.3	68.7	7.6	63.7	10.0	57.3
470 Mauricie	2002	216.1	130.9	116.2	14.7	60.6	11.2	53.8
	2003	215.5	133.3	119.6	13.7	61.9	10.3	55.5
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.4	138.8	123.8	15.0	59.5	10.8	53.0
	2003	231.9	147.1	130.7	16.4	63.4	11.1	56.4
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	96.9	65.8	60.8	5.0	67.9	7.6	62.7
	2003	96.0	56.8	50.3	6.5	59.2	11.4	52.4
Ontario								
	2002	9,654.1	6,659.9	6,166.9	493.0	69.0	7.4	63.9
	2003	9,803.5	6,806.7	6,294.9	511.8	69.4	7.5	64.2
510 Ottawa	2002	935.7	650.2	602.2	48.0	69.5	7.4	64.4
	2003	950.9	671.3	624.4	46.9	70.6	7.0	65.7
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	338.4	222.0	204.9	17.1	65.6	7.7	60.5
	2003	338.4	206.3	193.7	12.6	61.0	6.1	57.2
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	297.4	170.6	159.6	11.0	57.4	6.4	53.7
	2003	299.9	198.4	188.8	9.6	66.2	4.8	63.0
530 Toronto	2002	4,256.8	3,008.1	2,761.5	246.5	70.7	8.2	64.9
	2003	4,361.1	3,090.2	2,824.8	265.4	70.9	8.6	64.8
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	879.4	624.2	587.1	37.1	71.0	5.9	66.8
	2003	896.8	641.9	604.4	37.5	71.6	5.8	67.4
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,077.2	725.5	676.8	48.7	67.4	6.7	62.8
	2003	1,085.6	750.1	697.7	52.4	69.1	7.0	64.3
560 London	2002	484.4	341.2	316.4	24.9	70.4	7.3	65.3
	2003	487.3	341.4	317.3	24.0	70.1	7.0	65.1
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	510.5	342.7	318.6	24.1	67.1	7.0	62.4
	2003	515.2	337.6	313.7	23.8	65.5	7.0	60.9

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	September	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	236.1	158.2	152.0	6.2	67.0	3.9	64.4
	2003	236.6	161.3	153.0	8.3	68.2	5.1	64.7
590 Northeast	2002	457.5	290.8	268.4	22.4	63.6	7.7	58.7
	2003	452.9	278.1	254.0	24.1	61.4	8.7	56.1
595 Northwest	2002	180.6	126.3	119.3	7.0	69.9	5.5	66.1
	2003	178.8	129.9	122.9	7.0	72.7	5.4	68.7
Manitoba								
	2002	865.1	605.6	574.9	30.7	70.0	5.1	66.5
	2003	868.9	606.9	575.0	32.0	69.8	5.3	66.2
610 Southeast	2002	69.7	49.5	47.3	2.2	71.0	4.4	67.9
	2003	70.8	53.1	50.9	2.2	75.0	4.1	71.9
620 South Central	2002	40.6	27.8	26.6	1.2	68.5	4.3	65.5
	2003	41.1	27.6	26.9	0.8	67.2	2.9	65.5
630 Southwest	2002	82.3	51.4	49.4	2.1	62.5	4.1	60.0
	2003	82.1	55.0	53.0	2.0	67.0	3.6	64.6
640 North Central	2002	34.8	25.0	24.3	0.6	71.8	2.4	69.8
	2003	34.8	24.6	23.5	1.1	70.7	4.5	67.5
650 Winnipeg	2002	501.7	360.9	341.5	19.5	71.9	5.4	68.1
	2003	504.2	356.7	336.7	20.0	70.7	5.6	66.8
660 Interlake	2002	67.8	47.0	45.0	2.1	69.3	4.5	66.4
	2003	68.7	46.1	43.4	2.7	67.1	5.9	63.2
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.1	43.9	40.8	3.1	64.5	7.1	59.9
	2003	67.2	43.8	40.6	3.2	65.2	7.3	60.4
Saskatchewan								
	2002	758.9	523.1	494.7	28.3	68.9	5.4	65.2
	2003	755.9	525.2	495.9	29.3	69.5	5.6	65.6
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.0	157.3	148.9	8.3	72.5	5.3	68.6
	2003	216.1	155.4	146.4	9.0	71.9	5.8	67.7
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	84.5	55.6	53.4	2.2	65.8	4.0	63.2
	2003	83.4	58.8	56.3	2.5	70.5	4.3	67.5
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	163.6	153.9	9.7	71.9	5.9	67.6
	2003	227.8	162.9	153.7	9.2	71.5	5.6	67.5
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	69.9	42.6	40.9	1.7	60.9	4.0	58.5
	2003	68.9	40.7	38.9	1.8	59.1	4.4	56.5
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.1	104.0	97.5	6.4	65.0	6.2	60.9
	2003	159.6	107.3	100.5	6.8	67.2	6.3	63.0
Alberta								
	2002	2,427.6	1,803.0	1,705.2	97.7	74.3	5.4	70.2
	2003	2,479.2	1,840.1	1,749.1	90.9	74.2	4.9	70.6
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	190.5	125.3	119.0	6.3	65.8	5.0	62.5
	2003	194.0	137.1	129.8	7.3	70.7	5.3	66.9
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	142.6	102.8	99.1	3.7	72.1	3.6	69.5
	2003	144.3	100.8	96.5	4.2	69.9	4.2	66.9
830 Calgary	2002	870.2	669.3	628.0	41.3	76.9	6.2	72.2
	2003	894.3	677.8	644.5	33.3	75.8	4.9	72.1
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.3	50.6	47.3	3.3	78.7	6.5	73.6
	2003	64.6	46.3	44.9	1.5	71.7	3.2	69.5

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	September	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	121.0	90.9	87.3	3.7	75.1	4.1	72.1
	2003	124.1	93.4	88.0	5.4	75.3	5.8	70.9
860 Edmonton	2002	794.3	578.5	549.5	29.0	72.8	5.0	69.2
	2003	808.6	592.8	564.2	28.6	73.3	4.8	69.8
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.7	124.8	117.0	7.8	74.0	6.3	69.4
	2003	171.1	127.5	120.0	7.4	74.5	5.8	70.1
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	76.1	60.8	58.1	2.7	79.9	4.4	76.3
	2003	78.2	64.4	61.2	3.2	82.4	5.0	78.3
British Columbia								
	2002	3,331.7	2,200.1	2,026.3	173.8	66.0	7.9	60.8
	2003	3,371.0	2,246.5	2,050.9	195.6	66.6	8.7	60.8
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	569.6	341.6	312.7	28.8	60.0	8.4	54.9
	2003	573.3	340.4	311.7	28.7	59.4	8.4	54.4
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,988.2	1,358.5	1,260.0	98.5	68.3	7.3	63.4
	2003	2,023.4	1,396.7	1,278.3	118.3	69.0	8.5	63.2
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	391.5	237.7	216.7	21.0	60.7	8.8	55.4
	2003	394.5	250.3	228.7	21.5	63.4	8.6	58.0
940 Kootenay	2002	125.3	75.8	69.9	6.0	60.5	7.9	55.8
	2003	125.2	77.6	69.2	8.4	62.0	10.8	55.3
950 Cariboo	2002	135.3	94.5	83.1	11.5	69.8	12.2	61.4
	2003	133.9	91.6	82.1	9.5	68.4	10.4	61.3
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.1	54.4	49.3	5.1	73.4	9.4	66.5
	2003	73.0	53.3	47.2	6.1	73.0	11.4	64.7
980 Northeast	2002	47.8	37.5	34.6	2.9	78.5	7.7	72.4
	2003	47.6	36.6	33.7	2.9	76.9	7.9	70.8

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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
September 2003										
15 years and over	13,400.6	35.5	669.59	18.23	10,959.5	39.6	766.93	2,441.0	17.3	232.54
15 to 24 years	2,239.0	27.9	309.40	10.38	1,181.8	39.2	465.55	1,057.2	15.3	134.86
25 years and over	11,161.6	37.1	741.84	19.80	9,777.8	39.6	803.36	1,383.8	18.9	307.16
Men	6,895.7	38.3	777.29	19.87	6,176.9	40.8	843.44	718.8	16.5	208.89
Women	6,504.9	32.6	555.41	16.48	4,782.7	38.0	668.12	1,722.2	17.7	242.40
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,362.9	36.1	770.81	21.16	3,761.9	38.8	836.06	601.1	19.3	362.47
No union coverage	9,037.6	35.3	620.72	16.81	7,197.7	40.0	730.80	1,839.9	16.7	190.09
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,733.1	36.3	702.42	18.83	9,967.2	39.5	782.53	1,765.9	18.2	250.28
Temporary	1,667.5	29.9	438.55	13.99	992.3	40.0	610.29	675.2	15.1	186.14
Occupation										
Management	893.2	40.5	1,161.23	28.81	871.2	41.0	1,181.90	22.0	17.6	343.50
Business, finance and administrative	2,564.3	35.0	626.92	17.51	2,176.0	38.2	695.95	388.3	17.2	240.05
Natural and applied sciences	907.7	38.8	998.77	25.84	875.1	39.5	1,018.69	32.6	19.2	464.15
Health	758.8	33.0	710.39	21.49	559.0	37.7	810.60	199.7	20.1	429.90
Social science, education, government service and religion	990.6	34.1	854.97	25.04	793.2	38.2	955.36	197.4	17.5	451.66
Art, culture, recreation and sport	289.5	31.0	615.04	18.80	198.4	38.8	802.35	91.1	14.1	207.19
Sales and service	3,545.6	30.7	409.94	12.46	2,228.5	38.7	554.20	1,317.1	17.2	165.87
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,942.1	40.1	736.85	18.23	1,817.0	41.7	772.76	125.1	17.3	215.17
Occupations unique to primary industry	292.8	42.4	655.38	15.16	260.8	45.9	717.42	32.0	14.1	149.21
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,216.1	39.6	642.28	16.10	1,180.5	40.3	655.20	35.7	17.1	214.44
September 2002										
15 years and over	13,240.2	35.6	654.18	17.77	10,841.2	39.6	749.41	2,399.0	17.2	223.81
15 to 24 years	2,222.0	27.9	302.93	10.21	1,175.8	39.0	453.60	1,046.3	15.4	133.61
25 years and over	11,018.2	37.2	725.01	19.30	9,665.4	39.7	785.40	1,352.8	18.7	293.57
Men	6,867.1	38.4	760.39	19.40	6,155.3	40.9	826.30	711.9	16.2	190.54
Women	6,373.1	32.6	539.73	16.02	4,685.9	38.0	648.42	1,687.2	17.7	237.85
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,275.3	36.1	749.32	20.58	3,688.7	38.8	813.66	586.6	18.9	344.79
No union coverage	8,964.9	35.4	608.80	16.43	7,152.6	40.1	716.28	1,812.4	16.7	184.65
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,505.1	36.4	686.13	18.34	9,814.3	39.6	762.99	1,690.8	18.1	239.96
Temporary	1,735.2	30.0	442.33	13.98	1,026.9	40.2	619.63	708.2	15.1	185.25
Occupation										
Management	882.6	40.5	1,122.68	27.77	859.6	41.0	1,143.72	22.9	18.7	334.53
Business, finance and administrative	2,492.3	35.0	618.89	17.30	2,106.7	38.2	687.97	385.6	17.3	241.46
Natural and applied sciences	918.7	38.7	975.25	25.21	887.9	39.5	995.78	30.8	17.3	383.55
Health	761.4	33.0	698.85	21.08	564.2	37.5	799.18	197.2	20.1	411.79
Social science, education, government service and religion	999.1	34.4	828.98	24.09	806.5	38.5	928.35	192.5	16.9	412.67
Art, culture, recreation and sport	253.5	32.3	618.59	18.23	186.5	38.5	759.42	67.0	14.8	226.45
Sales and service	3,492.4	30.6	398.90	12.13	2,193.8	38.6	540.19	1,298.7	17.1	160.21
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,901.5	40.4	722.80	17.81	1,789.4	41.9	754.29	112.1	16.7	220.05
Occupations unique to primary industry	300.2	41.8	605.18	14.14	259.8	45.9	675.62	40.5	15.4	152.92
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,238.6	39.4	618.37	15.57	1,186.8	40.3	637.28	51.8	17.0	185.34

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 October 12, 2003 to November 8, 2003	Region	Effective from October 12, 2003 to November 8, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	9.2	30. London	7.1
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.0	31. Niagara	8.5
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	6.9
03. Prince Edward Island	10.5	33. Kitchener	6.4
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	7.6
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	17.0	35. South Central Ontario	5.0
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.0	36. Sudbury	8.8
06. Halifax	7.3	37. Thunder Bay	6.0
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	13.1
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.9	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.8	39. Winnipeg	5.2
09. Restigouche-Albert	18.2	40. Southern Manitoba	5.8
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	27.3
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.7	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	5.9	42. Regina	5.8
12. Trois-Rivières	11.5	43. Saskatoon	5.8
13. South Central Quebec	3.9	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.9
14. Sherbrooke	8.4	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.4
15. Montérégie	6.7	Alberta	
16. Montréal	10.1	46. Calgary	4.9
17. Central Quebec	11.2	47. Edmonton	5.2
18. Northwestern Quebec	17.5	48. Northern Alberta	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	13.2	49. Southern Alberta	6.7
20. Hull	5.8	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.7	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.7
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	7.3
22. Ottawa	6.5	52. Vancouver	8.5
23. Eastern Ontario	7.6	53. Victoria	7.0
24. Kingston	5.5	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	11.2
25. Central Ontario	5.4	55. Northern British Columbia	14.3
26. Oshawa	5.3	Territories	
27. Toronto	8.3	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	7.1	57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.9	58. Nunavut ⁴	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>.

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⁴ This rate is provided by Human Resources Development Canada.

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)*