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Commentary

Employment rose by an estimated 65,000 in October, almost all in full-time. This was the second consecutive increase in employment, following slow growth earlier in the year. Since the start of 2003, employment has grown by 1.0% (+164,000). The unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points in October to 7.6%.

Strong increase in employment for adult women

Buoyed by a robust increase in full-time employment, the number of jobs among adult women rose by 41,000 in October. This job growth pushed their unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 6.2%. Since the start of 2003, employment among adult women has grown by 95,000 (+1.5%).

Employment among adult men increased by 28,000 in October, mostly in part-time work. So far this year, employment gains for adult men total 78,000 (+1.1%). In October, their unemployment rate was 6.6%, down 0.3 percentage points from September.

Although youth employment was little changed in October, there was a large drop in the number of youths looking for work, causing their unemployment rate to drop 0.6 percentage points to 14.0%. While employment among adult men and women has increased in the last couple of months, youth employment has yet to show any rebound. So far in 2003, youth employment is down 0.4%.

Job growth continues in health care and social assistance

In October, employment grew by an estimated 20,000 in the health care and social assistance sector, continuing the upward trend that began two years ago. So far in 2003, this industry has added 56,000 jobs (+3.4%). Most of October's employment gains in health care and social assistance occurred in Quebec.

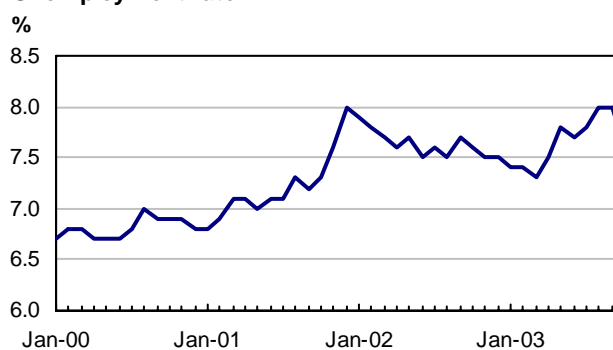
Employment in management of companies and administrative and other support services increased by 13,000 in October, mostly in Ontario. Despite recent strength, employment in this industry is little changed compared to the end of 2002.

For a second consecutive month, employment grew by 13,000 in the finance, insurance, real estate and leasing industry, bringing growth since the start of 2003 to 50,000 jobs (+5.5%). In October, job growth in this industry occurred mainly in British Columbia and Alberta.

Employment



Unemployment rate



After three months of little change, employment edged up 11,000 in transportation and warehousing in October. The increase was concentrated in the trucking industry.

Employment in natural resources rose for a second consecutive month, with the number of jobs growing by 7,000 in October. This increase occurred primarily in oil and gas in Alberta. The natural resources sector has seen strong employment growth thus far in 2003, with the number of jobs increasing by 30,000 (+11.0%).

In October, employment was little changed in the manufacturing sector. A decrease in manufacturing employment in Ontario was offset by slight increases in most other provinces. Since the start of 2003, the number of manufacturing jobs has fallen by an estimated 77,000 (-3.3%).

Following several months of growth, employment in construction edged down by 10,000 in October, as a result of declines in Ontario and Alberta. Despite October's decrease, construction employment is up 34,000 (+3.8%) compared to December 2002.

Job gains in both private and public sectors

For a second consecutive month the number of private sector employees increased, with a gain of 34,000 in October. After remaining flat for the first seven months of the year, the number of employees in the private sector is now slightly higher than at the end of 2002.

Public sector employment has also strengthened in recent months, including an increase of 27,000 employees in October. Since the start of 2003, the number of public sector employees has risen by 72,000 (+2.4%).

Most of national employment increase in British Columbia and Quebec

In British Columbia, employment jumped by an estimated 30,000 in October. This is consistent with a number of positive signs of economic growth in the province including strength in both residential and non-residential building permits, retail trade, oil and gas exploration as well as lumber and paper shipments. The jump in employment in October in the province follows a slight decline the month before and slow growth earlier in the year. Youths accounted for half of the employment gain in October. By industry, the gains were widespread with the largest increases occurring in public administration, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing, and transportation and warehousing. The unemployment rate dropped 1.3 percentage points in October to 7.8%.

An increase in part-time work pushed employment in Quebec up 26,000 in October, bringing employment to the same level as in December 2002. Employment among adult women grew substantially in October, with the increase concentrated in health care and social assistance and in retail and wholesale trade. The provincial unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points in October to 9.3%.

In Manitoba, an increase of 6,000 jobs, all in full time, offset the loss in September. This leaves employment little changed compared to the start of the year. The unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points in October to 5.3%.

After strong growth the month before, employment in Ontario was little changed in October (+5,000). An increase of 27,000 full-time jobs was offset by a decrease in part-time work. By industry, employment rose in educational services and in accommodation and food services but declined in manufacturing and construction. Because fewer people were looking for work in October, the unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 7.0%. Ontario has added 91,000 jobs since the start of the year (+1.5%), all of them full-time.

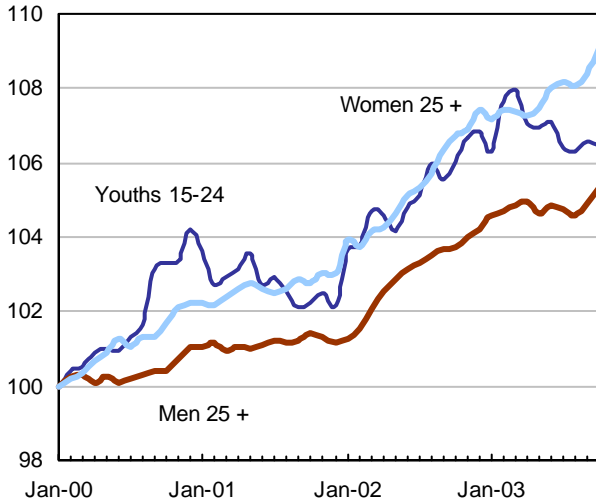
With a decrease in part-time work in October, employment fell by 4,000 in Nova Scotia, leaving employment at nearly the same level as at the end of 2002. October's decrease was concentrated in the accommodation and food services industry. The province's unemployment rate edged down in October to 9.5% (-0.2 percentage points), due to lower labour force participation.

Employment in Newfoundland and Labrador fell by 4,000 in October, with most of the decline among youths. The largest job losses were in manufacturing and trade. The unemployment rate edged up in October to 16.5% (+0.1 percentage point). Despite October's decline in employment, the province has added 3,000 jobs (+1.4%) since the start of 2003.

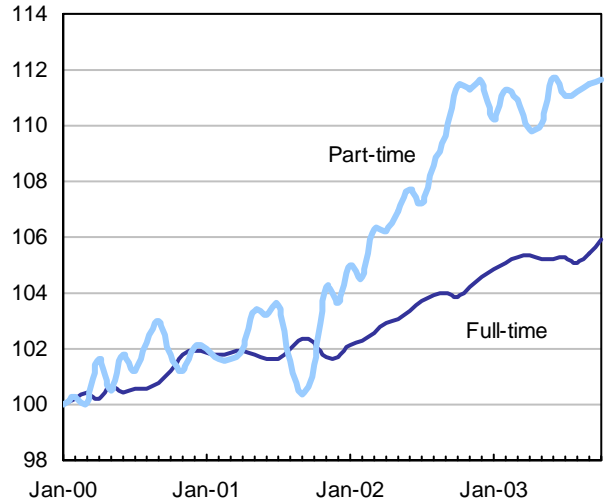
Employment was little changed in the other provinces in October.

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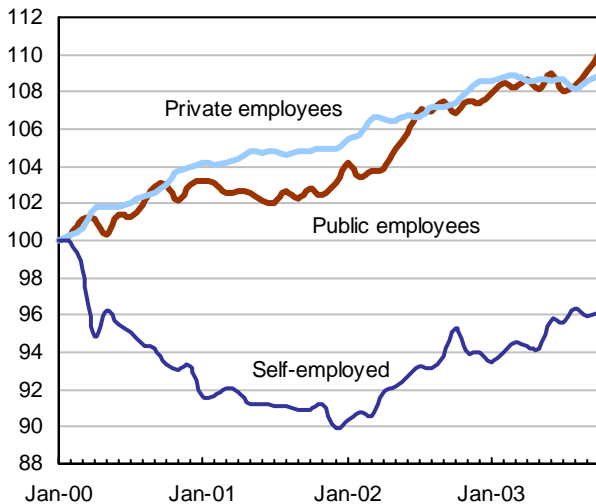
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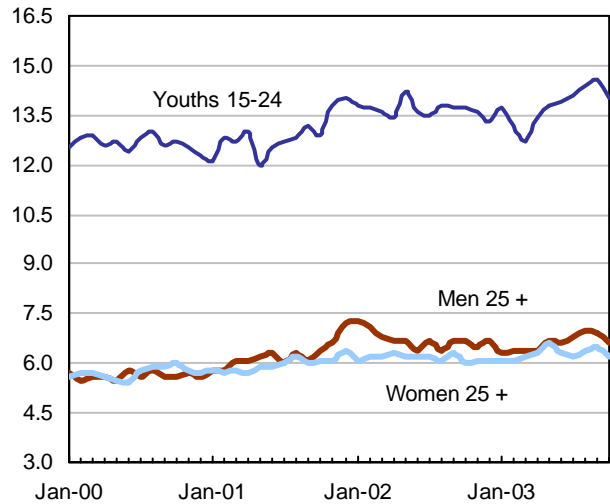
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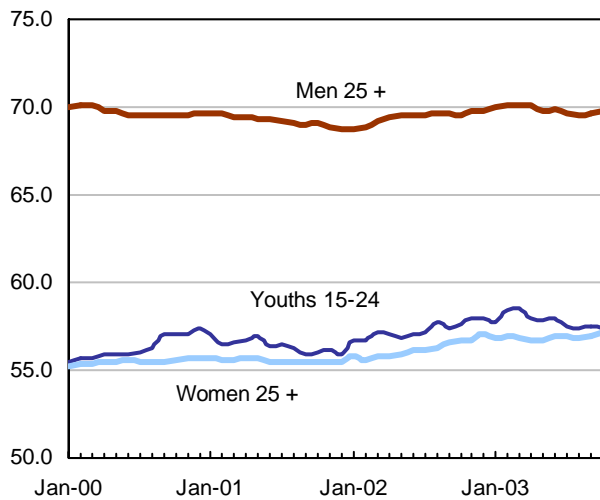
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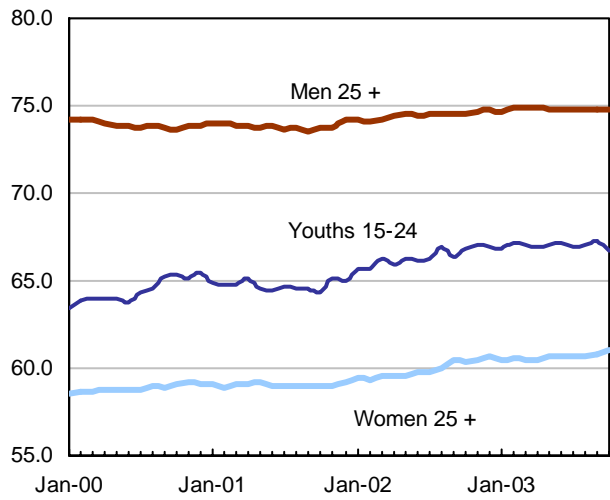
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Employment rate (%)

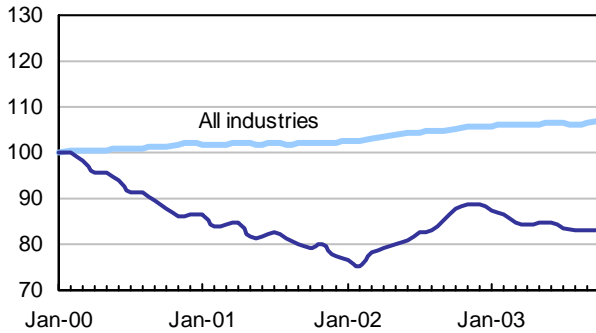


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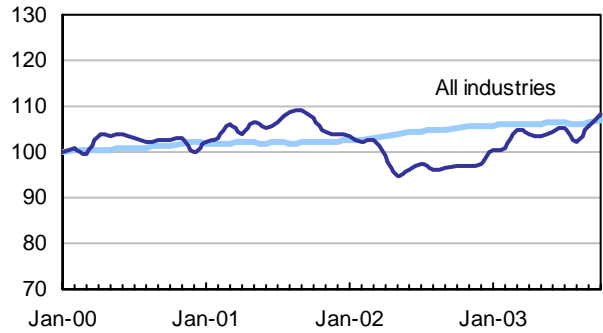


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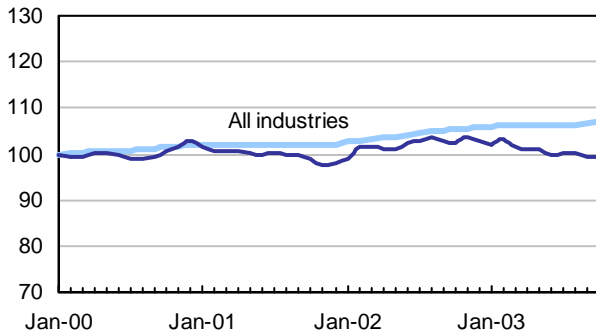
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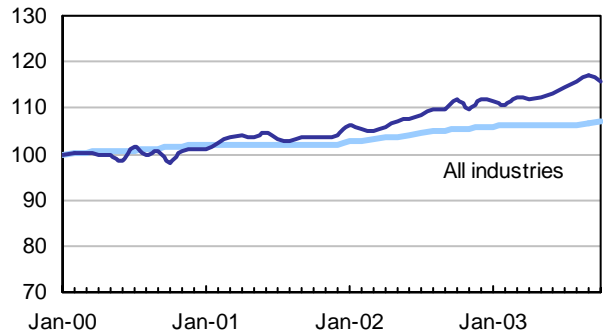
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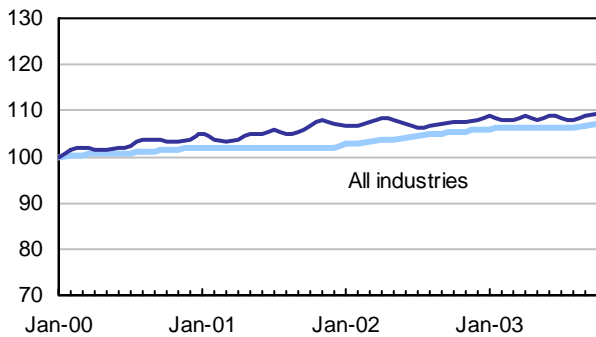
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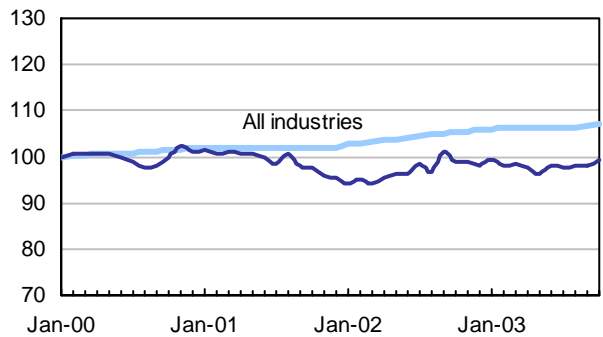
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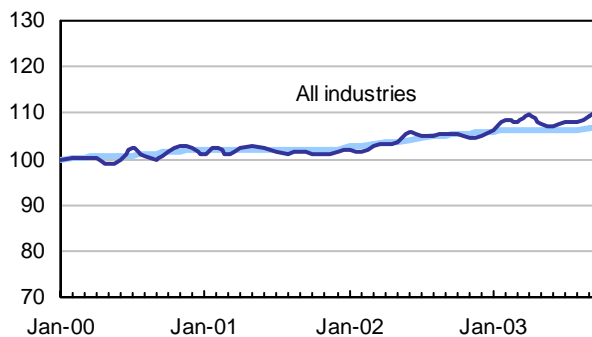
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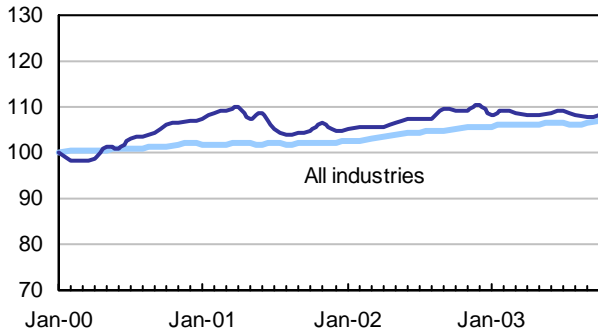


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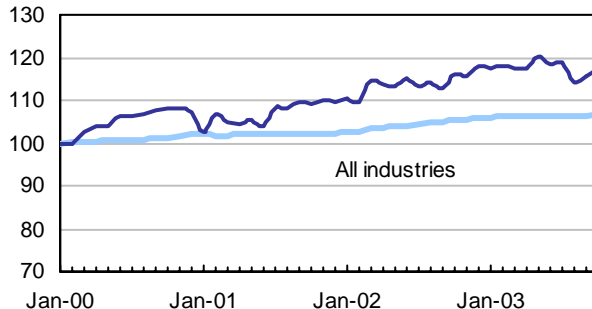


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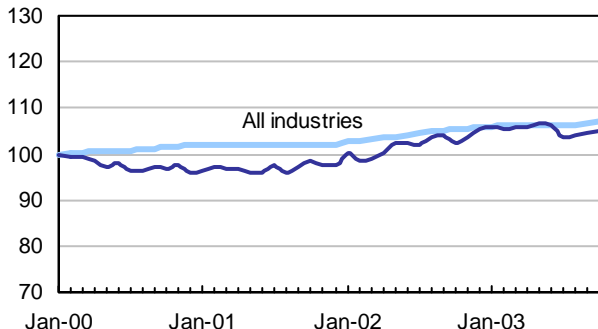
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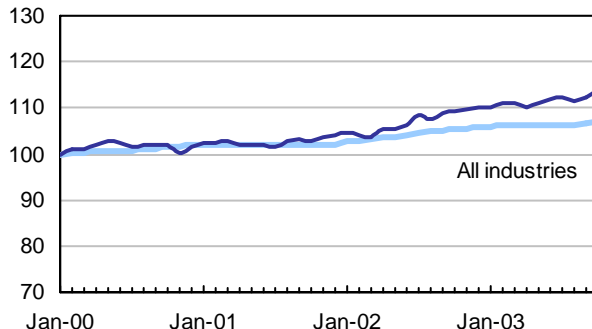
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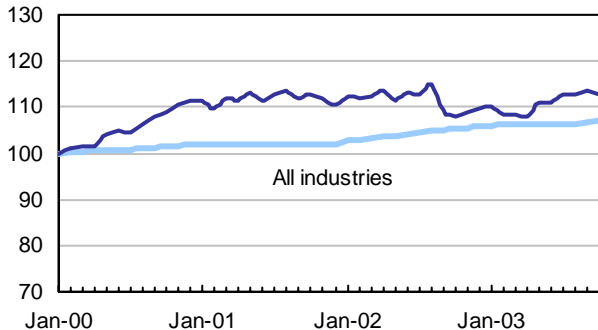
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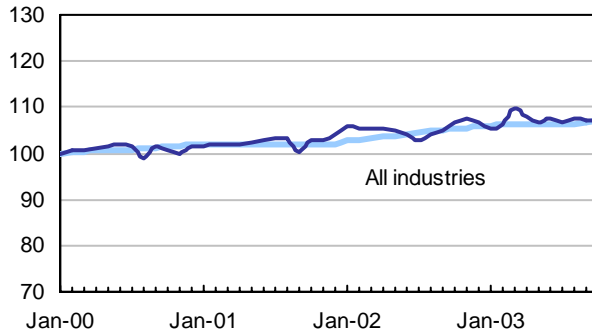
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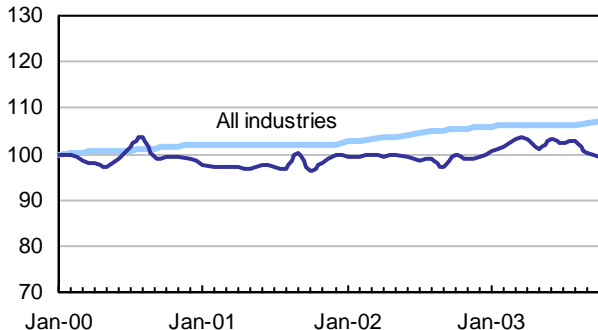
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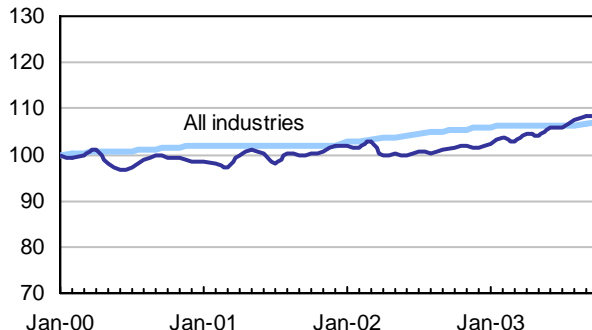
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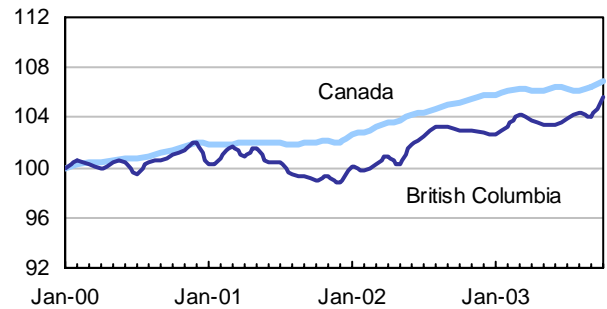
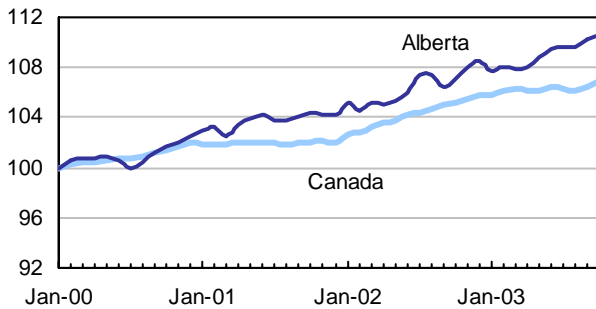
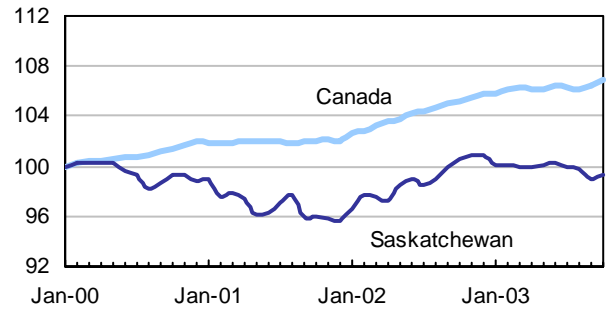
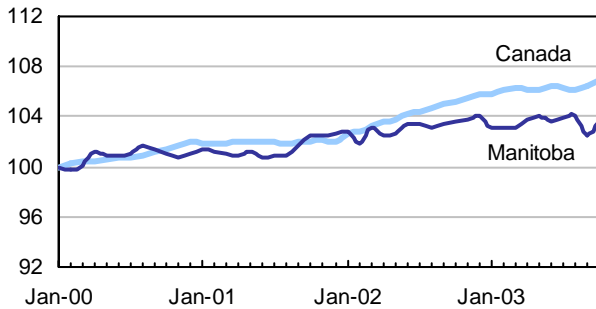
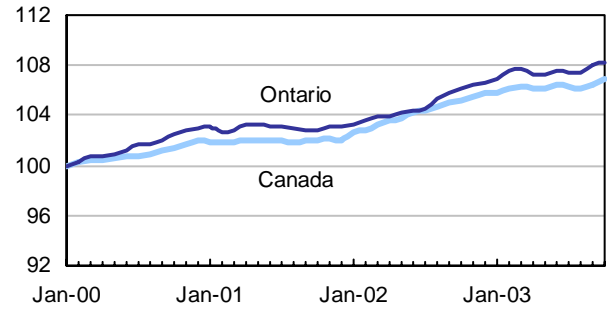
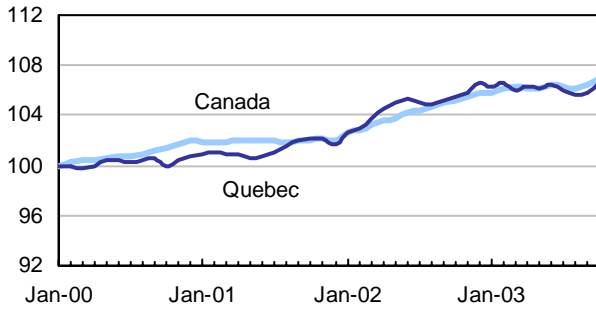
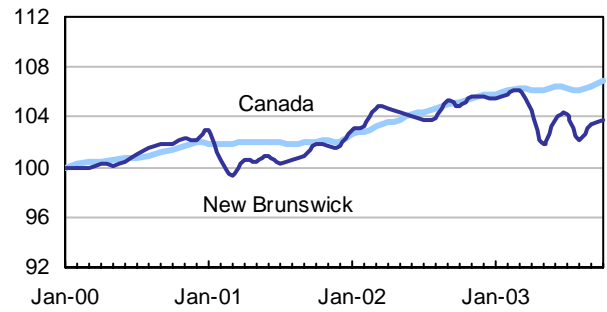
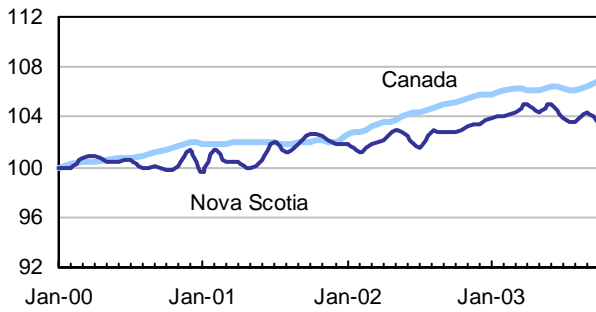
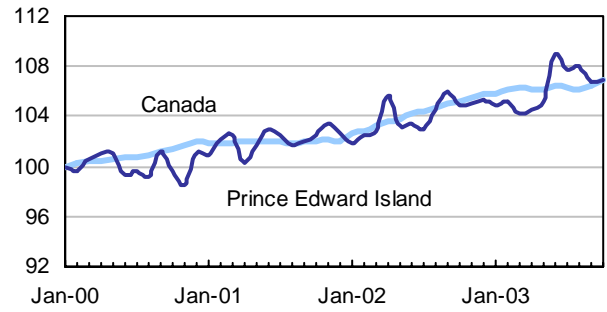
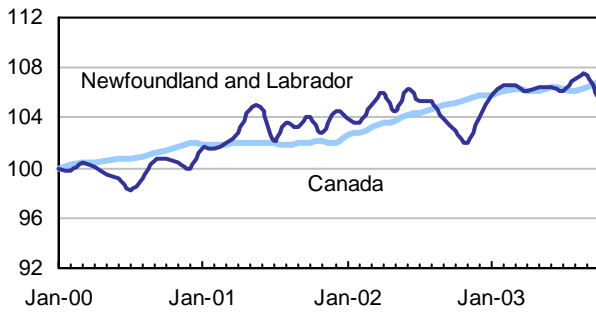
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Table 1

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

	September 2003	October 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	25,321.2	25,351.2	...	30.0	263.8	303.3	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	17,117.6	17,122.8	27.8	5.2	197.5	284.7	0.0	1.2	1.7
Employment	15,747.9	15,813.3	28.6	65.4	163.6	253.9	0.4	1.0	1.6
Employment full-time	12,773.6	12,835.7	34.0	62.1	162.3	248.2	0.5	1.3	2.0
Employment part-time	2,974.4	2,977.6	29.5	3.2	1.3	5.8	0.1	0.0	0.2
Unemployment	1,369.6	1,309.4	23.1	-60.2	33.8	30.7	-4.4	2.6	2.4
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.6	0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,173.3	4,177.4	...	4.1	31.5	35.0	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	2,807.8	2,786.1	16.3	-21.7	13.3	20.8	-0.8	0.5	0.8
Employment	2,398.8	2,395.9	15.9	-2.9	-8.6	9.8	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
Employment full-time	1,294.2	1,287.1	16.3	-7.1	-21.8	-2.4	-0.5	-1.7	-0.2
Employment part-time	1,104.6	1,108.8	16.9	4.2	13.2	12.2	0.4	1.2	1.1
Unemployment	409.1	390.3	13.6	-18.8	22.0	11.1	-4.6	6.0	2.9
Participation rate	67.3	66.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	14.0	0.5	-0.6	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	46.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,314.1	10,326.6	...	12.5	111.0	128.1	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	7,719.9	7,721.7	14.4	1.8	75.7	109.1	0.0	1.0	1.4
Employment	7,185.5	7,213.1	15.9	27.6	77.8	110.1	0.4	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	6,731.6	6,740.6	19.2	9.0	70.2	103.2	0.1	1.1	1.6
Employment part-time	453.9	472.5	13.7	18.6	7.6	6.9	4.1	1.6	1.5
Unemployment	534.4	508.6	13.5	-25.8	-2.1	-1.0	-4.8	-0.4	-0.2
Participation rate	74.8	74.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,833.8	10,847.2	...	13.4	121.4	140.1	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	6,589.8	6,614.9	16.1	25.1	108.5	154.7	0.4	1.7	2.4
Employment	6,163.6	6,204.3	16.4	40.7	94.5	134.0	0.7	1.5	2.2
Employment full-time	4,747.8	4,808.0	21.7	60.2	113.9	147.3	1.3	2.4	3.2
Employment part-time	1,415.8	1,396.3	19.5	-19.5	-19.5	-13.3	-1.4	-1.4	-0.9
Unemployment	426.2	410.6	12.9	-15.6	14.0	20.6	-3.7	3.5	5.3
Participation rate	60.8	61.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	22.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,118.2	14,126.0	...	7.8	48.4	50.9	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	12,197.0	12,206.2	20.4	9.2	46.9	76.4	0.1	0.4	0.6
Employment	11,362.5	11,410.9	22.2	48.4	32.7	67.8	0.4	0.3	0.6
Unemployment	834.5	795.3	17.7	-39.2	14.2	8.5	-4.7	1.8	1.1
Participation rate	86.4	86.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.5	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.5	80.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	...	...	...

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**

	September 2003	October 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	13,319.5	13,380.3	29.0	60.8	109.1	233.1	0.5	0.8	1.8
Self-employed ²	2,428.4	2,433.0	16.8	4.6	54.5	20.8	0.2	2.3	0.9
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,998.7	3,025.7	16.4	27.0	72.3	86.6	0.9	2.4	2.9
Private sector employees	10,320.9	10,354.6	29.1	33.7	36.8	146.5	0.3	0.4	1.4
Industry	15,747.9	15,813.3	28.6	65.4	163.6	253.9	0.4	1.0	1.6
Goods-producing sector	3,977.0	3,977.6	21.0	0.6	-32.4	-17.0	0.0	-0.8	-0.4
Agriculture	332.8	333.1	6.3	0.3	-22.1	-18.7	0.1	-6.2	-5.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	292.7	300.0	5.1	7.3	29.7	31.9	2.5	11.0	11.9
Utilities	131.8	133.4	3.6	1.6	2.3	3.7	1.2	1.8	2.9
Construction	955.2	945.7	11.8	-9.5	34.4	32.1	-1.0	3.8	3.5
Manufacturing	2,264.5	2,265.3	17.0	0.8	-76.9	-66.1	0.0	-3.3	-2.8
Services-producing sector	11,770.9	11,835.7	29.0	64.8	196.1	270.9	0.6	1.7	2.3
Trade	2,464.9	2,474.1	17.2	9.2	27.6	44.6	0.4	1.1	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	764.5	775.2	10.0	10.7	9.4	3.2	1.4	1.2	0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	940.9	953.4	10.5	12.5	49.8	48.3	1.3	5.5	5.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	996.4	1,001.8	12.2	5.4	-19.0	-7.1	0.5	-1.9	-0.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	599.9	612.7	10.8	12.8	0.4	8.8	2.1	0.1	1.5
Educational services	1,040.0	1,045.5	11.1	5.5	-4.7	25.2	0.5	-0.4	2.5
Health care and social assistance	1,690.7	1,710.6	12.0	19.9	55.8	65.3	1.2	3.4	4.0
Information, culture and recreation	718.5	712.3	10.7	-6.2	18.8	28.7	-0.9	2.7	4.2
Accommodation and food services	1,018.9	1,026.0	12.4	7.1	9.8	8.9	0.7	1.0	0.9
Other services	700.8	693.8	10.4	-7.0	-1.3	-3.0	-1.0	-0.2	-0.4
Public administration	835.3	830.4	8.7	-4.9	49.4	48.0	-0.6	6.3	6.1

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

	September 2003	October 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	438.7	439.1	...	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Labour force	263.7	259.1	2.6	-4.6	-3.0	0.8	-1.7	-1.1	0.3
Employment	220.4	216.4	2.5	-4.0	2.9	5.1	-1.8	1.4	2.4
Employment full-time	189.1	185.2	2.6	-3.9	4.3	6.0	-2.1	2.4	3.3
Employment part-time	31.3	31.2	1.9	-0.1	-1.4	-1.0	-0.3	-4.3	-3.1
Unemployment	43.3	42.7	2.3	-0.6	-5.9	-4.3	-1.4	-12.1	-9.1
Participation rate	60.1	59.0	0.6	-1.1	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	16.5	0.8	0.1	-2.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	49.3	0.6	-0.9	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.5	113.5	...	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.0	0.9	1.1
Labour force	76.8	77.2	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.8
Employment	68.9	69.0	0.7	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.1	1.6	2.1
Employment full-time	57.3	57.0	0.8	-0.3	0.5	0.7	-0.5	0.9	1.2
Employment part-time	11.7	11.9	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.7	4.4	5.3
Unemployment	7.9	8.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	3.8	-1.2	-7.9
Participation rate	67.7	68.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.6	0.8	0.3	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	761.0	761.4	...	0.4	3.7	4.2	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	483.0	477.8	2.9	-5.2	0.9	3.6	-1.1	0.2	0.8
Employment	436.2	432.5	3.2	-3.7	0.2	3.0	-0.8	0.0	0.7
Employment full-time	351.9	352.6	3.6	0.7	5.2	5.1	0.2	1.5	1.5
Employment part-time	84.3	79.8	3.2	-4.5	-5.1	-2.2	-5.3	-6.0	-2.7
Unemployment	46.8	45.3	2.7	-1.5	0.7	0.6	-3.2	1.6	1.3
Participation rate	63.5	62.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.5	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	610.2	610.4	...	0.2	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	383.7	385.3	2.5	1.6	-4.9	-4.1	0.4	-1.3	-1.1
Employment	342.7	343.7	2.6	1.0	-6.3	-3.7	0.3	-1.8	-1.1
Employment full-time	290.6	290.8	2.9	0.2	-5.0	2.0	0.1	-1.7	0.7
Employment part-time	52.1	52.9	2.2	0.8	-1.3	-5.7	1.5	-2.4	-9.7
Unemployment	41.0	41.5	2.2	0.5	1.3	-0.5	1.2	3.2	-1.2
Participation rate	62.9	63.1	0.4	0.2	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.8	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.3	0.4	0.1	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,095.2	6,101.2	...	6.0	46.1	53.0	0.1	0.8	0.9
Labour force	4,014.9	4,029.3	15.6	14.4	37.6	91.0	0.4	0.9	2.3
Employment	3,628.6	3,654.1	15.8	25.5	0.0	34.9	0.7	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,961.4	2,960.5	18.5	-0.9	-24.7	19.3	0.0	-0.8	0.7
Employment part-time	667.2	693.6	15.9	26.4	24.7	15.6	4.0	3.7	2.3
Unemployment	386.3	375.2	13.4	-11.1	37.6	56.1	-2.9	11.1	17.6
Participation rate	65.9	66.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.3	0.3	-0.3	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.9	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...

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

	September 2003	October 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,819.2	9,833.6	...	14.4	129.9	149.3	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	6,741.3	6,726.8	17.8	-14.5	93.7	114.0	-0.2	1.4	1.7
Employment	6,251.7	6,257.0	18.5	5.3	91.0	114.9	0.1	1.5	1.9
Employment full-time	5,113.2	5,139.9	22.0	26.7	100.1	119.0	0.5	2.0	2.4
Employment part-time	1,138.5	1,117.0	19.0	-21.5	-9.2	-4.1	-1.9	-0.8	-0.4
Unemployment	489.6	469.9	14.5	-19.7	2.8	-0.9	-4.0	0.6	-0.2
Participation rate	68.7	68.4	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	869.6	870.4	...	0.8	5.4	5.4	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	598.2	601.4	2.8	3.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0
Employment	563.7	569.2	2.9	5.5	-2.9	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	-0.1
Employment full-time	451.7	457.7	3.6	6.0	-4.6	2.2	1.3	-1.0	0.5
Employment part-time	112.0	111.6	3.3	-0.4	1.7	-2.4	-0.4	1.5	-2.1
Unemployment	34.4	32.1	2.2	-2.3	2.8	-0.1	-6.7	9.6	-0.3
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.3	0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	65.4	0.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	756.0	755.8	...	-0.2	-1.8	-2.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	511.9	513.4	2.6	1.5	-7.5	-7.1	0.3	-1.4	-1.4
Employment	482.7	484.4	2.7	1.7	-7.3	-5.8	0.4	-1.5	-1.2
Employment full-time	379.8	386.1	3.2	6.3	-4.0	-3.8	1.7	-1.0	-1.0
Employment part-time	102.9	98.3	3.0	-4.6	-3.3	-2.0	-4.5	-3.2	-2.0
Unemployment	29.2	29.0	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-4.3
Participation rate	67.7	67.9	0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.1	0.4	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,483.6	2,487.1	...	3.5	42.0	50.3	0.1	1.7	2.1
Labour force	1,825.1	1,830.9	7.5	5.8	35.1	43.9	0.3	2.0	2.5
Employment	1,735.0	1,738.9	8.0	3.9	31.4	54.2	0.2	1.8	3.2
Employment full-time	1,420.6	1,419.5	10.0	-1.1	19.5	36.7	-0.1	1.4	2.7
Employment part-time	314.4	319.3	8.6	4.9	11.9	17.5	1.6	3.9	5.8
Unemployment	90.1	92.0	5.8	1.9	3.6	-10.3	2.1	4.1	-10.1
Participation rate	73.5	73.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,374.2	3,378.7	...	4.5	35.6	40.2	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	2,218.9	2,221.6	10.8	2.7	44.7	42.3	0.1	2.1	1.9
Employment	2,018.0	2,048.1	10.9	30.1	53.5	50.2	1.5	2.7	2.5
Employment full-time	1,558.3	1,586.3	13.2	28.0	71.6	60.5	1.8	4.7	4.0
Employment part-time	459.7	461.8	11.9	2.1	-18.1	-10.3	0.5	-3.8	-2.2
Unemployment	200.9	173.4	8.9	-27.5	-8.9	-8.1	-13.7	-4.9	-4.5
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	7.8	0.4	-1.3	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	...	...	...

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

	September 2003	October 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	438.7	439.1	...	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Labour force	263.7	259.1	2.6	-4.6	-3.0	0.8	-1.7	-1.1	0.3
Employment	220.4	216.4	2.5	-4.0	2.9	5.1	-1.8	1.4	2.4
Employment full-time	189.1	185.2	2.6	-3.9	4.3	6.0	-2.1	2.4	3.3
Unemployment	43.3	42.7	2.3	-0.6	-5.9	-4.3	-1.4	-12.1	-9.1
Participation rate	60.1	59.0	0.6	-1.1	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	16.5	0.8	0.1	-2.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	49.3	0.6	-0.9	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.2	14.4	0.9	0.2	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	72.8	72.7	...	-0.1	-1.7	-2.0	-0.1	-2.3	-2.7
Labour force	41.0	38.4	1.3	-2.6	-3.7	-2.5	-6.3	-8.8	-6.1
Employment	32.1	29.0	1.3	-3.1	-2.5	-2.3	-9.7	-7.9	-7.3
Unemployment	8.9	9.3	1.1	0.4	-1.3	-0.3	4.5	-12.3	-3.1
Participation rate	56.3	52.8	1.8	-3.5	-3.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.7	24.2	2.5	2.5	-1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	44.1	39.9	1.7	-4.2	-2.4	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.3	37.9	3.5	3.7	-6.8	-3.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	178.5	178.7	...	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	116.9	117.1	1.5	0.2	-1.8	-0.3	0.2	-1.5	-0.3
Employment	98.6	97.8	1.5	-0.8	1.4	3.7	-0.8	1.5	3.9
Unemployment	18.3	19.4	1.5	1.1	-3.1	-3.9	6.0	-13.8	-16.7
Participation rate	65.5	65.5	0.8	0.0	-1.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.7	16.6	1.2	0.9	-2.3	-3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	54.7	0.8	-0.5	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	5.3	0.9	0.3	1.9	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.5	187.7	...	0.2	0.9	1.3	0.1	0.5	0.7
Labour force	105.8	103.6	1.3	-2.2	2.5	3.6	-2.1	2.5	3.6
Employment	89.6	89.6	1.3	0.0	4.1	3.7	0.0	4.8	4.3
Unemployment	16.1	14.0	1.2	-2.1	-1.6	-0.1	-13.0	-10.3	-0.7
Participation rate	56.4	55.2	0.7	-1.2	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	13.5	1.1	-1.7	-1.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.8	47.7	0.7	-0.1	1.9	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	16.7	1.4	-0.4	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	220.4	216.4	2.5	-4.0	2.9	5.1	-1.8	1.4	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	46.2	43.9	1.7	-2.3	0.5	0.2	-5.0	1.2	0.5
Agriculture	1.0	0.7	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-1.3	-30.0	-65.0	-65.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.2	16.9	0.9	-0.3	4.3	2.6	-1.7	34.1	18.2
Utilities	2.6	3.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	15.4	20.0	11.1
Construction	9.7	10.1	0.9	0.4	-1.7	0.5	4.1	-14.4	5.2
Manufacturing	15.7	13.2	1.1	-2.5	-1.3	-2.0	-15.9	-9.0	-13.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	174.2	172.5	2.1	-1.7	2.4	4.8	-1.0	1.4	2.9
Trade	37.7	35.9	1.2	-1.8	-2.7	-2.2	-4.8	-7.0	-5.8
Transportation and warehousing	12.7	12.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.4	1.6	5.7	12.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.7	8.0	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.2	3.9	12.7	17.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.3	7.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-1.3	-4.1	-9.1	-15.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	8.2	8.0	0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.5	-2.4	3.9	-5.9
Educational services	15.6	16.0	0.8	0.4	-1.5	-1.9	2.6	-8.6	-10.6
Health care and social assistance	33.3	32.9	1.0	-0.4	0.1	1.2	-1.2	0.3	3.8
Information, culture and recreation	8.1	7.6	0.6	-0.5	1.7	2.2	-6.2	28.8	40.7
Accommodation and food services	13.5	14.7	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.8	8.9	8.9	14.0
Other services	13.4	12.5	0.8	-0.9	1.2	1.8	-6.7	10.6	16.8
Public administration	16.6	17.0	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.0	2.4	6.9	6.2

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

Table 5

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

	September 2003	October 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	113.5	113.5	...	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.0	0.9	1.1
Labour force	76.8	77.2	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.8
Employment	68.9	69.0	0.7	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.1	1.6	2.1
Employment full-time	57.3	57.0	0.8	-0.3	0.5	0.7	-0.5	0.9	1.2
Unemployment	7.9	8.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	3.8	-1.2	-7.9
Participation rate	67.7	68.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.6	0.8	0.3	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	17.2	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	13.7	13.9	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	1.5	-2.8	-3.5
Employment	12.1	12.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-3.2	-0.8
Unemployment	1.6	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.4	18.8	0.0	-17.4
Participation rate	67.8	68.8	1.9	1.0	-2.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	13.7	2.3	2.0	0.4	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	59.4	2.0	-0.5	-2.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.6	44.2	3.2	-0.5	6.3	2.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.0	45.1	...	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.3
Labour force	32.6	33.0	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.9	1.2	3.8	2.8
Employment	29.1	29.7	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.1	2.1	5.3	3.8
Unemployment	3.4	3.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-2.9	-8.3	-2.9
Participation rate	72.4	73.2	0.8	0.8	1.9	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.0	1.1	-0.4	-1.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.9	0.9	1.2	2.7	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.1	4.7	1.0	0.6	-1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.3	48.3	...	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0	1.0	1.3
Labour force	30.6	30.3	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.2	-1.0	1.0	0.7
Employment	27.7	27.3	0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.5	-1.4	0.0	1.9
Unemployment	2.9	3.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.2	3.4	7.1	-6.2
Participation rate	63.4	62.7	0.8	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.9	1.2	0.4	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.5	0.9	-0.8	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	19.4	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	68.9	69.0	0.7	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.1	1.6	2.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	17.6	18.2	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.3	3.4	5.2	1.7
Agriculture	3.5	4.0	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	14.3	21.2	8.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.6	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	7.7	12.0	3.7
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0
Construction	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-8.3	-4.3
Manufacturing	6.5	6.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.5	3.1	1.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	51.3	50.8	0.7	-0.5	0.2	1.1	-1.0	0.4	2.2
Trade	10.8	10.8	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0	13.7	13.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.7	2.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-7.4	-3.8	8.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.1	0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-12.5	10.5	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	2.3	0.2	0.0	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	-25.8	-17.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-14.3	-25.0
Educational services	4.9	4.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-2.0	-2.0	6.7
Health care and social assistance	7.6	7.8	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.0	2.6	-3.7	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	3.1	3.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-3.2	7.1	7.1
Accommodation and food services	4.6	4.8	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	4.3	-5.9	-2.0
Other services	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	9.4
Public administration	7.0	6.8	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.5	-2.9	7.9	7.9

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

Table 6

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

	September 2003	October 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	761.0	761.4	...	0.4	3.7	4.2	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	483.0	477.8	2.9	-5.2	0.9	3.6	-1.1	0.2	0.8
Employment	436.2	432.5	3.2	-3.7	0.2	3.0	-0.8	0.0	0.7
Employment full-time	351.9	352.6	3.6	0.7	5.2	5.1	0.2	1.5	1.5
Unemployment	46.8	45.3	2.7	-1.5	0.7	0.6	-3.2	1.6	1.3
Participation rate	63.5	62.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.5	0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	18.5	0.7	-0.9	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.7	123.8	...	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Labour force	83.3	79.2	1.8	-4.1	-1.3	0.1	-4.9	-1.6	0.1
Employment	69.7	65.1	1.8	-4.6	-1.6	0.1	-6.6	-2.4	0.2
Unemployment	13.6	14.1	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.0	3.7	2.2	0.0
Participation rate	67.3	64.0	1.5	-3.3	-1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.3	17.8	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	52.6	1.5	-3.7	-1.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.3	45.2	2.4	-1.2	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	304.3	304.5	...	0.2	1.9	2.2	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	210.2	212.3	1.7	2.1	3.1	4.1	1.0	1.5	2.0
Employment	191.1	193.4	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.4
Unemployment	19.2	18.9	1.6	-0.3	0.9	1.4	-1.6	5.0	8.0
Participation rate	69.1	69.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.9	0.8	-0.2	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	63.5	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.5	0.8	0.1	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	333.0	333.1	...	0.1	1.5	1.8	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	189.5	186.3	1.5	-3.2	-0.9	-0.7	-1.7	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	175.4	174.0	1.6	-1.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment	14.1	12.3	1.5	-1.8	-0.5	-0.9	-12.8	-3.9	-6.8
Participation rate	56.9	55.9	0.5	-1.0	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.6	0.8	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.7	52.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	21.8	1.2	-0.9	-2.2	-2.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	436.2	432.5	3.2	-3.7	0.2	3.0	-0.8	0.0	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	94.3	97.4	2.2	3.1	2.5	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.2
Agriculture	7.1	6.7	0.6	-0.4	0.5	-1.0	-5.6	8.1	-13.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.4	13.5	0.9	0.1	-1.8	0.8	0.7	-11.8	6.3
Utilities	2.3	2.7	0.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	17.4	-6.9	-18.2
Construction	23.6	26.4	1.3	2.8	1.4	1.4	11.9	5.6	5.6
Manufacturing	47.9	48.2	1.5	0.3	2.6	2.6	0.6	5.7	5.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	341.9	335.0	3.0	-6.9	-2.5	-0.1	-2.0	-0.7	0.0
Trade	73.5	72.6	1.7	-0.9	-2.8	-3.7	-1.2	-3.7	-4.8
Transportation and warehousing	20.8	20.2	1.0	-0.6	0.9	0.7	-2.9	4.7	3.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	19.3	17.9	0.9	-1.4	-4.1	-4.4	-7.3	-18.6	-19.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.6	19.2	0.9	-0.4	-1.6	0.8	-2.0	-7.7	4.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.4	23.1	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.1	3.1	6.5	5.0
Educational services	32.7	31.7	1.3	-1.0	-2.8	-1.1	-3.1	-8.1	-3.4
Health care and social assistance	56.2	54.7	1.3	-1.5	3.0	3.0	-2.7	5.8	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	18.8	19.5	1.0	0.7	2.4	2.1	3.7	14.0	12.1
Accommodation and food services	31.9	29.8	1.3	-2.1	1.5	0.5	-6.6	5.3	1.7
Other services	17.7	18.8	1.1	1.1	-3.6	-2.3	6.2	-16.1	-10.9
Public administration	29.1	27.6	1.0	-1.5	3.7	3.2	-5.2	15.5	13.1

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

	September 2003	October 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	610.2	610.4	...	0.2	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	383.7	385.3	2.5	1.6	-4.9	-4.1	0.4	-1.3	-1.1
Employment	342.7	343.7	2.6	1.0	-6.3	-3.7	0.3	-1.8	-1.1
Employment full-time	290.6	290.8	2.9	0.2	-5.0	2.0	0.1	-1.7	0.7
Unemployment	41.0	41.5	2.2	0.5	1.3	-0.5	1.2	3.2	-1.2
Participation rate	62.9	63.1	0.4	0.2	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.8	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.3	0.4	0.1	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.2	15.4	0.6	0.2	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.4	97.4	...	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	-0.7
Labour force	63.6	63.1	1.3	-0.5	-1.9	-2.9	-0.8	-2.9	-4.4
Employment	50.7	51.8	1.3	1.1	-3.6	-2.9	2.2	-6.5	-5.3
Unemployment	12.9	11.3	1.1	-1.6	1.8	-0.1	-12.4	18.9	-0.9
Participation rate	65.3	64.8	1.4	-0.5	-1.7	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	20.3	17.9	1.6	-2.4	3.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.1	53.2	1.3	1.1	-3.4	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.7	40.7	2.2	2.1	8.1	1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.9	248.0	...	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	171.1	173.3	1.5	2.2	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.3
Employment	152.8	152.9	1.6	0.1	-1.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	-0.3
Unemployment	18.3	20.4	1.4	2.1	1.5	1.0	11.5	7.9	5.2
Participation rate	69.0	69.9	0.6	0.9	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	11.8	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.7	0.7	0.1	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	4.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	265.0	265.1	...	0.1	1.5	1.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
Labour force	149.0	148.9	1.3	-0.1	-3.1	-1.8	-0.1	-2.0	-1.2
Employment	139.1	139.1	1.3	0.0	-1.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.2
Unemployment	9.9	9.9	1.1	0.0	-1.9	-1.4	0.0	-16.1	-12.4
Participation rate	56.2	56.2	0.5	0.0	-1.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.7	0.0	-1.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	52.5	0.5	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.1	1.1	0.0	-2.7	-3.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	342.7	343.7	2.6	1.0	-6.3	-3.7	0.3	-1.8	-1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	79.6	83.3	1.8	3.7	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.0	4.9	0.5	-0.1	-1.6	-0.6	-2.0	-24.6	-10.9
Utilities	11.1	12.5	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.6	12.6	12.6	14.7
Construction	4.0	3.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-2.5	-2.5	-22.0
Manufacturing	16.6	18.4	1.0	1.8	-1.2	-1.5	10.8	-6.1	-7.5
Services-producing sector									
Trade	43.0	43.6	1.2	0.6	5.1	6.2	1.4	13.2	16.6
Transportation and warehousing	263.0	260.5	2.3	-2.5	-9.9	-8.2	-1.0	-3.7	-3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	55.1	55.2	1.3	0.1	1.3	0.9	0.2	2.4	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.5	18.2	0.8	-1.3	-1.5	-0.8	-6.7	-7.6	-4.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	14.7	14.4	0.6	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	-2.0	0.0	-3.4
Educational services	14.6	14.1	0.7	-0.5	-1.6	-0.9	-3.4	-10.2	-6.0
Health care and social assistance	22.7	21.4	1.0	-1.3	-1.9	-0.7	-5.7	-8.2	-3.2
Information, culture and recreation	22.6	22.9	0.8	0.3	1.6	1.6	1.3	7.5	7.5
Accommodation and food services	46.3	46.2	1.0	-0.1	2.5	1.9	-0.2	5.7	4.3
Other services	10.7	10.8	0.7	0.1	-2.1	-1.8	0.9	-16.3	-14.3
Public administration	21.2	21.7	1.0	0.5	-4.1	-3.8	2.4	-15.9	-14.9
	16.3	16.2	0.8	-0.1	-1.7	-2.3	-0.6	-9.5	-12.4
	19.3	19.4	0.7	0.1	-2.3	-1.7	0.5	-10.6	-8.1

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 8

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

	September 2003	October 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	6,095.2	6,101.2	...	6.0	46.1	53.0	0.1	0.8	0.9
Labour force	4,014.9	4,029.3	15.6	14.4	37.6	91.0	0.4	0.9	2.3
Employment	3,628.6	3,654.1	15.8	25.5	0.0	34.9	0.7	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,961.4	2,960.5	18.5	-0.9	-24.7	19.3	0.0	-0.8	0.7
Unemployment	386.3	375.2	13.4	-11.1	37.6	56.1	-2.9	11.1	17.6
Participation rate	65.9	66.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.3	0.3	-0.3	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.9	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	19.0	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	950.4	950.5	...	0.1	-3.9	-4.9	0.0	-0.4	-0.5
Labour force	643.1	634.4	8.7	-8.7	-4.2	-0.8	-1.4	-0.7	-0.1
Employment	548.9	538.6	8.6	-10.3	-17.4	-9.7	-1.9	-3.1	-1.8
Unemployment	94.1	95.8	7.3	1.7	13.2	9.0	1.8	16.0	10.4
Participation rate	67.7	66.7	0.9	-1.0	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	15.1	1.1	0.5	2.2	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	56.7	0.9	-1.1	-1.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	45.5	1.5	0.7	1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,508.6	2,511.5	...	2.9	24.8	28.7	0.1	1.0	1.2
Labour force	1,834.6	1,836.2	8.4	1.6	2.5	24.6	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment	1,664.8	1,673.8	9.2	9.0	-16.7	-3.4	0.5	-1.0	-0.2
Unemployment	169.8	162.4	8.0	-7.4	19.3	28.0	-4.4	13.5	20.8
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.3	0.0	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.8	0.4	-0.5	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.6	0.4	0.2	-1.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	7.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,636.2	2,639.2	...	3.0	25.2	29.1	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	1,537.2	1,558.6	8.9	21.4	39.2	67.1	1.4	2.6	4.5
Employment	1,414.8	1,441.7	9.0	26.9	34.2	48.0	1.9	2.4	3.4
Unemployment	122.4	117.0	7.6	-5.4	5.1	19.1	-4.4	4.6	19.5
Participation rate	58.3	59.1	0.3	0.8	1.0	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.5	0.5	-0.5	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	54.6	0.3	0.9	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	23.0	0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,628.6	3,654.1	15.8	25.5	0.0	34.9	0.7	0.0	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	926.8	932.3	11.5	5.5	-30.5	-18.0	0.6	-3.2	-1.9
Agriculture	57.7	61.4	2.7	3.7	-5.7	-3.1	6.4	-8.5	-4.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.7	38.0	2.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	-1.0	-1.3
Utilities	29.1	27.9	1.7	-1.2	-3.3	-4.5	-4.1	-10.6	-13.9
Construction	174.3	172.1	5.9	-2.2	11.4	4.4	-1.3	7.1	2.6
Manufacturing	629.0	632.8	9.7	3.8	-32.5	-14.5	0.6	-4.9	-2.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,701.8	2,721.8	15.9	20.0	30.5	52.9	0.7	1.1	2.0
Trade	600.4	616.6	10.1	16.2	16.6	12.7	2.7	2.8	2.1
Transportation and warehousing	164.9	166.3	5.2	1.4	9.5	14.0	0.8	6.1	9.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	186.2	188.6	5.6	2.4	5.5	5.6	1.3	3.0	3.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	208.8	212.7	6.4	3.9	-11.4	-10.0	1.9	-5.1	-4.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	107.7	110.3	5.6	2.6	-12.7	-10.1	2.4	-10.3	-8.4
Educational services	247.9	244.1	6.1	-3.8	-3.0	4.9	-1.5	-1.2	2.0
Health care and social assistance	429.9	449.1	7.2	19.2	30.7	35.7	4.5	7.3	8.6
Information, culture and recreation	151.0	151.0	5.9	0.0	-2.7	1.5	0.0	-1.8	1.0
Accommodation and food services	223.7	210.5	6.6	-13.2	-3.9	3.6	-5.9	-1.8	1.7
Other services	159.8	160.6	5.7	0.8	-6.6	-11.9	0.5	-3.9	-6.9
Public administration	221.3	212.1	5.1	-9.2	8.6	7.1	-4.2	4.2	3.5

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

Table 9

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

	September 2003	October 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	9,819.2	9,833.6	...	14.4	129.9	149.3	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	6,741.3	6,726.8	17.8	-14.5	93.7	114.0	-0.2	1.4	1.7
Employment	6,251.7	6,257.0	18.5	5.3	91.0	114.9	0.1	1.5	1.9
Employment full-time	5,113.2	5,139.9	22.0	26.7	100.1	119.0	0.5	2.0	2.4
Unemployment	489.6	469.9	14.5	-19.7	2.8	-0.9	-4.0	0.6	-0.2
Participation rate	68.7	68.4	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	17.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,604.2	1,607.0	...	2.8	24.2	27.2	0.2	1.5	1.7
Labour force	1,081.0	1,071.0	10.8	-10.0	12.6	17.3	-0.9	1.2	1.6
Employment	913.6	910.9	10.4	-2.7	1.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment	167.4	160.1	9.1	-7.3	11.3	17.9	-4.4	7.6	12.6
Participation rate	67.4	66.6	0.7	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.5	14.9	0.8	-0.6	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.7	0.7	-0.3	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	48.3	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,991.5	3,997.0	...	5.5	50.1	57.8	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	3,033.0	3,029.5	9.0	-3.5	38.4	44.1	-0.1	1.3	1.5
Employment	2,865.3	2,870.5	10.1	5.2	54.9	65.7	0.2	1.9	2.3
Unemployment	167.7	159.0	8.3	-8.7	-16.4	-21.6	-5.2	-9.4	-12.0
Participation rate	76.0	75.8	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.8	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.8	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,223.5	4,229.6	...	6.1	55.7	64.2	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	2,627.3	2,626.4	10.6	-0.9	42.8	52.6	0.0	1.7	2.0
Employment	2,472.8	2,475.6	10.9	2.8	34.9	49.8	0.1	1.4	2.1
Unemployment	154.5	150.8	8.2	-3.7	7.9	2.8	-2.4	5.5	1.9
Participation rate	62.2	62.1	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	20.6	0.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,251.7	6,257.0	18.5	5.3	91.0	114.9	0.1	1.5	1.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,662.5	1,636.1	14.3	-26.4	-20.1	-28.9	-1.6	-1.2	-1.7
Agriculture	84.4	83.9	3.6	-0.5	2.0	-0.2	-0.6	2.4	-0.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.5	30.3	1.7	-1.2	-1.9	-3.9	-3.8	-5.9	-11.4
Utilities	56.8	57.7	2.5	0.9	7.3	10.8	1.6	14.5	23.0
Construction	404.5	394.4	7.9	-10.1	21.0	31.0	-2.5	5.6	8.5
Manufacturing	1,085.2	1,069.8	12.4	-15.4	-48.4	-66.6	-1.4	-4.3	-5.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,589.3	4,620.9	19.3	31.6	111.1	143.8	0.7	2.5	3.2
Trade	930.0	928.7	11.1	-1.3	-8.0	16.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	284.1	290.6	6.7	6.5	13.2	0.9	2.3	4.8	0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	443.1	441.0	7.4	-2.1	31.8	38.5	-0.5	7.8	9.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	432.0	429.7	8.5	-2.3	-15.1	-12.3	-0.5	-3.4	-2.8
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	261.2	272.3	7.6	11.1	14.0	2.0	4.2	5.4	0.7
Educational services	386.6	403.4	7.2	16.8	6.5	19.1	4.3	1.6	5.0
Health care and social assistance	617.8	621.6	7.5	3.8	36.5	50.7	0.6	6.2	8.9
Information, culture and recreation	299.3	296.1	7.0	-3.2	16.7	15.0	-1.1	6.0	5.3
Accommodation and food services	363.5	375.3	8.1	11.8	-3.4	-9.9	3.2	-0.9	-2.6
Other services	257.2	252.9	6.8	-4.3	3.8	4.3	-1.7	1.5	1.7
Public administration	314.4	309.2	5.7	-5.2	14.9	19.3	-1.7	5.1	6.7

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

Table 10

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

	September 2003	October 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	869.6	870.4	...	0.8	5.4	5.4	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	598.2	601.4	2.8	3.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0
Employment	563.7	569.2	2.9	5.5	-2.9	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	-0.1
Employment full-time	451.7	457.7	3.6	6.0	-4.6	2.2	1.3	-1.0	0.5
Unemployment	34.4	32.1	2.2	-2.3	2.8	-0.1	-6.7	9.6	-0.3
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.3	0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	65.4	0.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.6	0.6	-0.3	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	150.3	150.5	...	0.2	1.3	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.8
Labour force	107.8	110.8	1.7	3.0	2.0	1.3	2.8	1.8	1.2
Employment	95.6	98.0	1.7	2.4	-0.7	-0.9	2.5	-0.7	-0.9
Unemployment	12.2	12.8	1.3	0.6	2.7	2.1	4.9	26.7	19.6
Participation rate	71.7	73.6	1.1	1.9	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.6	1.2	0.3	2.3	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	65.1	1.2	1.5	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	44.9	1.8	-0.3	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	351.1	351.5	...	0.4	2.2	2.2	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	264.9	265.6	1.5	0.7	-1.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.0
Employment	253.2	254.6	1.5	1.4	-1.9	1.2	0.6	-0.7	0.5
Unemployment	11.7	11.0	1.2	-0.7	0.6	-1.3	-6.0	5.8	-10.6
Participation rate	75.4	75.6	0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.1	0.5	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	72.4	0.4	0.3	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.2	0.6	-0.3	1.3	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	368.1	368.4	...	0.3	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	225.5	225.0	1.6	-0.5	-0.8	-1.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7
Employment	215.0	216.6	1.6	1.6	-0.3	-0.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment	10.5	8.4	1.1	-2.1	-0.4	-0.8	-20.0	-4.5	-8.7
Participation rate	61.3	61.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	3.7	0.5	-1.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.8	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.3	23.8	1.0	-0.5	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	563.7	569.2	2.9	5.5	-2.9	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	-0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	138.5	138.2	2.1	-0.3	0.1	1.0	-0.2	0.1	0.7
Agriculture	29.1	29.8	1.1	0.7	-2.4	-2.4	2.4	-7.5	-7.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.7	5.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-3.4
Utilities	6.6	6.5	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.4	-1.5	4.8	6.6
Construction	26.4	26.5	1.1	0.1	0.4	2.4	0.4	1.5	10.0
Manufacturing	70.7	69.6	1.5	-1.1	1.6	0.6	-1.6	2.4	0.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	425.2	431.1	3.0	5.9	-2.9	-1.3	1.4	-0.7	-0.3
Trade	84.6	84.5	1.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	33.6	34.5	1.1	0.9	-0.4	-0.1	2.7	-1.1	-0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.1	29.9	0.9	0.8	2.4	1.3	2.7	8.7	4.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.7	25.0	1.0	2.3	1.7	0.8	10.1	7.3	3.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	17.7	16.6	1.0	-1.1	-4.2	-3.2	-6.2	-20.2	-16.2
Educational services	41.9	43.3	1.2	1.4	0.2	0.8	3.3	0.5	1.9
Health care and social assistance	72.1	72.7	1.3	0.6	-4.9	-3.2	0.8	-6.3	-4.2
Information, culture and recreation	23.3	23.5	1.1	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.9	5.4	2.2
Accommodation and food services	38.3	39.0	1.4	0.7	-0.4	2.1	1.8	-1.0	5.7
Other services	27.9	28.4	1.1	0.5	-0.6	0.5	1.8	-2.1	1.8
Public administration	34.1	33.8	1.0	-0.3	1.9	-0.3	-0.9	6.0	-0.9

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

Table 11

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

	September 2003	October 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	756.0	755.8	...	-0.2	-1.8	-2.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	511.9	513.4	2.6	1.5	-7.5	-7.1	0.3	-1.4	-1.4
Employment	482.7	484.4	2.7	1.7	-7.3	-5.8	0.4	-1.5	-1.2
Employment full-time	379.8	386.1	3.2	6.3	-4.0	-3.8	1.7	-1.0	-1.0
Unemployment	29.2	29.0	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-4.3
Participation rate	67.7	67.9	0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.1	0.4	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	20.3	0.6	-1.0	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.3	138.2	...	-0.1	-1.4	-1.9	-0.1	-1.0	-1.4
Labour force	89.5	90.0	1.6	0.5	-5.9	-6.5	0.6	-6.2	-6.7
Employment	79.4	80.6	1.6	1.2	-6.1	-3.8	1.5	-7.0	-4.5
Unemployment	10.1	9.4	1.3	-0.7	0.2	-2.7	-6.9	2.2	-22.3
Participation rate	64.7	65.1	1.1	0.4	-3.6	-3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	10.4	1.3	-0.9	0.8	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	58.3	1.2	0.9	-3.8	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	42.6	1.7	-2.3	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.1	301.1	...	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	227.7	226.7	1.3	-1.0	-3.2	-1.9	-0.4	-1.4	-0.8
Employment	215.9	215.5	1.4	-0.4	-2.2	-2.5	-0.2	-1.0	-1.1
Unemployment	11.8	11.2	1.1	-0.6	-1.0	0.7	-5.1	-8.2	6.7
Participation rate	75.6	75.3	0.4	-0.3	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	6.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.5	316.6	...	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	194.8	196.8	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7
Employment	187.5	188.3	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
Unemployment	7.3	8.4	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8	15.1	7.7	10.5
Participation rate	61.5	62.2	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.4	26.1	1.0	-1.3	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	482.7	484.4	2.7	1.7	-7.3	-5.8	0.4	-1.5	-1.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	119.0	121.1	2.1	2.1	-6.4	-8.5	1.8	-5.0	-6.6
Agriculture	43.4	45.9	1.4	2.5	-6.8	-8.1	5.8	-12.9	-15.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.2	18.3	0.8	0.1	1.9	2.6	0.5	11.6	16.6
Utilities	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.2	2.0	15.6	-3.7
Construction	24.5	23.0	1.1	-1.5	-2.0	-3.1	-6.1	-8.0	-11.9
Manufacturing	27.8	28.7	1.0	0.9	-0.1	0.3	3.2	-0.3	1.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	363.7	363.3	2.6	-0.4	-0.9	2.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.7
Trade	77.1	79.2	1.5	2.1	-1.3	0.4	2.7	-1.6	0.5
Transportation and warehousing	23.0	22.7	0.9	-0.3	-1.0	-1.7	-1.3	-4.2	-7.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.8	27.1	0.8	0.3	0.7	-0.2	1.1	2.7	-0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.5	17.4	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	11.2	11.5	0.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	2.7	-2.5	-5.7
Educational services	40.7	39.8	1.2	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-2.2	-1.7	-1.7
Health care and social assistance	61.2	58.5	1.1	-2.7	0.3	2.1	-4.4	0.5	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	19.2	20.5	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.8	6.8	1.5	4.1
Accommodation and food services	34.9	34.1	1.3	-0.8	-0.4	0.3	-2.3	-1.2	0.9
Other services	24.7	25.0	0.9	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.2	2.0	7.3
Public administration	27.4	27.7	0.9	0.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	4.9	4.5

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

Table 12

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

	September 2003	October 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	2,483.6	2,487.1	...	3.5	42.0	50.3	0.1	1.7	2.1
Labour force	1,825.1	1,830.9	7.5	5.8	35.1	43.9	0.3	2.0	2.5
Employment	1,735.0	1,738.9	8.0	3.9	31.4	54.2	0.2	1.8	3.2
Employment full-time	1,420.6	1,419.5	10.0	-1.1	19.5	36.7	-0.1	1.4	2.7
Unemployment	90.1	92.0	5.8	1.9	3.6	-10.3	2.1	4.1	-10.1
Participation rate	73.5	73.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	465.0	465.7	...	0.7	6.5	8.4	0.2	1.4	1.8
Labour force	338.7	332.9	4.9	-5.8	12.3	6.7	-1.7	3.8	2.1
Employment	307.3	305.4	5.0	-1.9	14.3	16.9	-0.6	4.9	5.9
Unemployment	31.4	27.5	3.8	-3.9	-2.0	-10.1	-12.4	-6.8	-26.9
Participation rate	72.8	71.5	1.1	-1.3	1.7	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.3	1.1	-1.0	-0.9	-3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.6	1.1	-0.5	2.2	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.9	41.0	1.6	0.1	4.0	4.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,010.0	1,011.2	...	1.2	17.8	21.0	0.1	1.8	2.1
Labour force	824.0	832.2	3.5	8.2	17.5	25.4	1.0	2.1	3.1
Employment	791.3	793.5	4.1	2.2	13.2	25.2	0.3	1.7	3.3
Unemployment	32.8	38.7	3.3	5.9	4.3	0.2	18.0	12.5	0.5
Participation rate	81.6	82.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.5	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	6.1	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,008.6	1,010.1	...	1.5	17.6	20.8	0.1	1.8	2.1
Labour force	662.4	665.8	4.2	3.4	5.3	11.8	0.5	0.8	1.8
Employment	636.4	639.9	4.4	3.5	3.8	12.1	0.5	0.6	1.9
Unemployment	26.0	25.8	3.0	-0.2	1.3	-0.3	-0.8	5.3	-1.1
Participation rate	65.7	65.9	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.9	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.4	0.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	22.8	0.9	-0.5	-2.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,735.0	1,738.9	8.0	3.9	31.4	54.2	0.2	1.8	3.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	489.5	484.3	6.0	-5.2	15.3	20.2	-1.1	3.3	4.4
Agriculture	70.0	63.1	2.8	-6.9	-5.2	-1.8	-9.9	-7.6	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	109.7	112.8	2.6	3.1	18.8	21.6	2.8	20.0	23.7
Utilities	12.5	12.7	1.0	0.2	-3.3	-3.5	1.6	-20.6	-21.6
Construction	156.1	146.3	4.1	-9.8	5.5	2.7	-6.3	3.9	1.9
Manufacturing	141.2	149.5	3.7	8.3	-0.5	1.2	5.9	-0.3	0.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,245.5	1,254.5	8.1	9.0	16.1	33.9	0.7	1.3	2.8
Trade	272.6	268.0	4.8	-4.6	20.7	22.4	-1.7	8.4	9.1
Transportation and warehousing	91.8	92.6	3.1	0.8	-8.5	-8.9	0.9	-8.4	-8.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	90.1	94.4	2.6	4.3	11.5	7.3	4.8	13.9	8.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	121.3	123.6	3.5	2.3	1.0	5.6	1.9	0.8	4.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	61.3	63.6	3.0	2.3	-6.6	1.4	3.8	-9.4	2.3
Educational services	108.2	107.5	2.9	-0.7	0.9	4.4	-0.6	0.8	4.3
Health care and social assistance	157.3	154.8	3.2	-2.5	-6.8	-9.2	-1.6	-4.2	-5.6
Information, culture and recreation	73.3	72.7	2.9	-0.6	-3.9	0.3	-0.8	-5.1	0.4
Accommodation and food services	119.7	122.9	3.7	3.2	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.3
Other services	76.7	78.0	2.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.8
Public administration	73.0	76.5	2.3	3.5	2.6	6.5	4.8	3.5	9.3

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

Table 13

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

	September 2003	October 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	3,374.2	3,378.7	...	4.5	35.6	40.2	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	2,218.9	2,221.6	10.8	2.7	44.7	42.3	0.1	2.1	1.9
Employment	2,018.0	2,048.1	10.9	30.1	53.5	50.2	1.5	2.7	2.5
Employment full-time	1,558.3	1,586.3	13.2	28.0	71.6	60.5	1.8	4.7	4.0
Unemployment	200.9	173.4	8.9	-27.5	-8.9	-8.1	-13.7	-4.9	-4.5
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	7.8	0.4	-1.3	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.8	22.5	0.6	-0.2	-1.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	550.9	551.5	...	0.6	6.7	7.4	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	346.3	352.5	6.1	6.2	3.9	8.6	1.8	1.1	2.5
Employment	289.4	304.4	5.6	15.0	8.2	12.9	5.2	2.8	4.4
Unemployment	56.9	48.1	5.0	-8.8	-4.3	-4.3	-15.5	-8.2	-8.2
Participation rate	62.9	63.9	1.1	1.0	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	13.6	1.4	-2.8	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	55.2	1.0	2.7	0.8	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.8	50.5	1.9	-0.3	-3.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,376.1	1,378.1	...	2.0	12.5	14.2	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	1,004.8	995.9	5.7	-8.9	19.3	11.7	-0.9	2.0	1.2
Employment	923.4	931.5	6.0	8.1	27.1	17.0	0.9	3.0	1.9
Unemployment	81.4	64.3	5.3	-17.1	-7.9	-5.3	-21.0	-10.9	-7.6
Participation rate	73.0	72.3	0.4	-0.7	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	6.5	0.5	-1.6	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.6	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	8.9	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,447.2	1,449.2	...	2.0	16.4	18.7	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	867.9	873.2	6.2	5.3	21.5	21.9	0.6	2.5	2.6
Employment	805.2	812.2	6.3	7.0	18.2	20.3	0.9	2.3	2.6
Unemployment	62.7	61.0	4.9	-1.7	3.2	1.6	-2.7	5.5	2.7
Participation rate	60.0	60.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.0	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	29.5	27.8	1.0	-1.8	-2.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,018.0	2,048.1	10.9	30.1	53.5	50.2	1.5	2.7	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	411.8	423.4	7.0	11.6	6.9	8.7	2.8	1.7	2.1
Agriculture	31.4	32.0	2.4	0.6	-3.9	-1.5	1.9	-10.9	-4.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	46.0	48.0	2.6	2.0	6.0	6.4	4.3	14.3	15.4
Utilities	12.4	13.5	1.1	1.1	0.5	2.1	8.9	3.8	18.4
Construction	117.2	121.4	4.3	4.2	-2.5	-7.0	3.6	-2.0	-5.5
Manufacturing	204.8	208.6	4.7	3.8	7.0	8.8	1.9	3.5	4.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,606.2	1,624.7	10.7	18.5	46.6	41.5	1.2	3.0	2.6
Trade	321.4	318.0	6.1	-3.4	-6.9	-4.0	-1.1	-2.1	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	108.5	114.4	3.9	5.9	-1.0	-0.5	5.4	-0.9	-0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	124.7	130.6	3.8	5.9	1.7	2.2	4.7	1.3	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	150.9	149.6	4.4	-1.3	14.1	14.7	-0.9	10.4	10.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	80.2	84.6	3.6	4.4	9.7	13.0	5.5	13.0	18.2
Educational services	140.0	142.5	4.2	2.5	4.3	4.8	1.8	3.1	3.5
Health care and social assistance	206.5	209.5	4.4	3.0	-10.1	-14.3	1.5	-4.6	-6.4
Information, culture and recreation	109.9	107.8	4.2	-2.1	5.1	7.6	-1.9	5.0	7.6
Accommodation and food services	170.9	172.5	4.9	1.6	10.6	7.4	0.9	6.5	4.5
Other services	100.0	95.2	4.0	-4.8	3.3	-2.0	-4.8	3.6	-2.1
Public administration	93.2	99.9	2.9	6.7	15.7	12.6	7.2	18.6	14.4

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Table 14

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

	September 2003	October 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	144.0	144.2	...	0.2	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	98.5	97.7	0.8	-0.8	-0.5	1.5	-0.8	-0.5	1.6
Employment	89.5	88.6	0.9	-0.9	0.2	1.7	-1.0	0.2	2.0
Unemployment	9.0	9.0	0.5	0.0	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	-8.2	-3.2
Participation rate	68.4	67.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.9	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.2	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.4	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	289.0	289.3	...	0.3	3.5	4.1	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	203.5	203.4	1.3	-0.1	6.5	3.4	0.0	3.3	1.7
Employment	188.7	188.8	1.3	0.1	6.5	3.5	0.1	3.6	1.9
Unemployment	14.9	14.6	0.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-2.0	0.0	-0.7
Participation rate	70.4	70.3	0.4	-0.1	1.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.3	0.5	0.0	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	63.7	63.6	0.6	-0.1	-4.6	-5.1	-0.2	-6.7	-7.4
Employment	57.6	57.5	0.7	-0.1	-5.8	-6.3	-0.2	-9.2	-9.9
Unemployment	6.1	6.1	0.3	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	24.5	24.5
Participation rate	63.1	63.0	0.6	-0.1	-4.5	-5.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.6	0.5	0.0	2.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.9	0.7	-0.1	-5.8	-6.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	130.6	130.6	...	0.0	-0.9	-1.1	0.0	-0.7	-0.8
Labour force	80.5	80.0	0.8	-0.5	1.7	3.3	-0.6	2.2	4.3
Employment	71.9	70.7	0.8	-1.2	0.6	2.0	-1.7	0.9	2.9
Unemployment	8.6	9.3	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.3	8.1	13.4	16.2
Participation rate	61.6	61.3	0.6	-0.3	1.8	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	11.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	54.1	0.6	-1.0	0.8	1.9	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	577.0	577.5	...	0.5	3.9	4.5	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	388.3	384.8	2.8	-3.5	5.2	0.3	-0.9	1.4	0.1
Employment	365.1	358.1	3.0	-7.0	1.2	-1.9	-1.9	0.3	-0.5
Unemployment	23.2	26.7	1.5	3.5	4.0	2.1	15.1	17.6	8.5
Participation rate	67.3	66.6	0.5	-0.7	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.9	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	62.0	0.5	-1.3	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.6	117.6	...	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	72.3	73.5	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.4
Employment	64.0	64.9	0.7	0.9	-0.2	0.2	1.4	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment	8.3	8.5	0.4	0.2	1.9	1.3	2.4	28.8	18.1
Participation rate	61.5	62.5	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	11.6	0.6	0.1	2.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	55.2	0.6	0.8	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	128.5	128.6	...	0.1	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	86.1	86.1	0.8	0.0	2.7	2.4	0.0	3.2	2.9
Employment	78.9	79.3	0.8	0.4	2.3	1.7	0.5	3.0	2.2
Unemployment	7.2	6.8	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.7	-5.6	6.2	11.5
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.6	0.0	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	7.9	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.7	0.6	0.3	1.3	0.7	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	September 2003	October 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	2,908.9	2,912.8	...	3.9	33.6	40.4	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	1,978.8	1,990.8	7.2	12.0	26.9	55.8	0.6	1.4	2.9
Employment	1,779.2	1,791.5	7.5	12.3	-12.2	13.2	0.7	-0.7	0.7
Unemployment	199.6	199.3	4.7	-0.3	39.1	42.6	-0.2	24.4	27.2
Participation rate	68.0	68.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.0	0.2	-0.1	1.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.5	0.3	0.3	-1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	915.6	917.4	...	1.8	15.7	18.8	0.2	1.7	2.1
Labour force	659.6	659.9	3.2	0.3	23.9	27.9	0.0	3.8	4.4
Employment	617.2	615.1	3.4	-2.1	28.2	29.4	-0.3	4.8	5.0
Unemployment	42.4	44.8	1.8	2.4	-4.4	-1.4	5.7	-8.9	-3.0
Participation rate	72.0	71.9	0.4	-0.1	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.8	0.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.0	0.4	-0.4	1.9	1.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,162.4	4,171.1	...	8.7	82.2	99.5	0.2	2.0	2.4
Labour force	2,908.2	2,904.3	8.3	-3.9	42.1	46.5	-0.1	1.5	1.6
Employment	2,665.9	2,673.4	8.7	7.5	15.1	44.4	0.3	0.6	1.7
Unemployment	242.2	230.9	5.2	-11.3	27.0	2.1	-4.7	13.2	0.9
Participation rate	69.9	69.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.0	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.1	0.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	565.8	566.4	...	0.6	4.9	5.9	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	393.6	394.6	2.7	1.0	13.6	18.9	0.3	3.6	5.0
Employment	365.4	367.0	2.8	1.6	8.8	14.9	0.4	2.5	4.2
Unemployment	28.2	27.6	1.3	-0.6	4.8	4.0	-2.1	21.1	16.9
Participation rate	69.6	69.7	0.5	0.1	1.8	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.3	-0.2	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.8	0.5	0.2	1.0	2.0	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	357.1	357.7	...	0.6	5.1	6.1	0.2	1.4	1.7
Labour force	250.1	252.7	1.6	2.6	5.4	8.5	1.0	2.2	3.5
Employment	234.1	236.4	1.6	2.3	1.8	5.4	1.0	0.8	2.3
Unemployment	16.0	16.3	0.8	0.3	3.5	3.1	1.9	27.3	23.5
Participation rate	70.0	70.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.3	0.1	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	66.1	0.5	0.5	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	347.9	348.2	...	0.3	1.9	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.7
Labour force	236.0	238.5	1.8	2.5	6.4	3.0	1.1	2.8	1.3
Employment	219.1	220.3	1.8	1.2	3.0	0.3	0.5	1.4	0.1
Unemployment	16.8	18.2	0.9	1.4	3.4	2.7	8.3	23.0	17.4
Participation rate	67.8	68.5	0.5	0.7	1.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.6	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	248.3	248.9	...	0.6	4.2	5.0	0.2	1.7	2.1
Labour force	184.0	182.3	1.1	-1.7	9.5	12.0	-0.9	5.5	7.0
Employment	174.2	173.3	1.1	-0.9	11.1	13.5	-0.5	6.8	8.4
Unemployment	9.9	9.0	0.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.5	-9.1	-15.1	-14.3
Participation rate	74.1	73.2	0.5	-0.9	2.6	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.9	0.3	-0.5	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	69.6	0.5	-0.6	3.3	4.1	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	September 2003	October 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	325.9	326.1	...	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	211.9	211.9	1.6	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.2
Employment	197.4	197.0	1.7	-0.4	3.0	-0.4	-0.2	1.5	-0.2
Unemployment	14.5	14.9	0.8	0.4	-0.9	1.0	2.8	-5.7	7.2
Participation rate	65.0	65.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.4	0.5	-0.2	0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	126.9	126.8	...	-0.1	-0.7	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7
Labour force	78.6	78.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	-1.7	0.0	0.0	-2.1
Employment	71.8	71.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.6	-2.0	-0.1	-0.8	-2.7
Unemployment	6.8	6.9	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.5	9.5	4.5
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	0.6	0.1	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.8	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	56.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.5	100.5	...	0.0	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.7
Labour force	68.0	67.7	0.6	-0.3	1.0	1.9	-0.4	1.5	2.9
Employment	64.2	63.7	0.6	-0.5	1.2	2.1	-0.8	1.9	3.4
Unemployment	3.7	3.9	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	5.4	-7.1	-7.1
Participation rate	67.7	67.4	0.6	-0.3	1.4	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.8	0.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.4	0.5	-0.5	1.6	2.5	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	261.0	261.5	...	0.5	4.0	4.8	0.2	1.6	1.9
Labour force	174.5	173.6	1.4	-0.9	-1.5	0.9	-0.5	-0.9	0.5
Employment	162.4	161.8	1.4	-0.6	-0.4	1.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment	12.1	11.9	0.8	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	-1.7	-7.8	-3.3
Participation rate	66.9	66.4	0.5	-0.5	-1.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.9	0.6	-0.3	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	542.0	542.5	...	0.5	3.5	3.6	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	381.3	379.8	1.3	-1.5	-6.8	-5.5	-0.4	-1.8	-1.4
Employment	361.6	359.1	1.3	-2.5	-6.9	-6.2	-0.7	-1.9	-1.7
Unemployment	19.7	20.7	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.7	5.1	1.0	3.5
Participation rate	70.4	70.0	0.2	-0.4	-1.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.2	0.2	-0.5	-1.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.0	156.0	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	112.5	113.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0
Employment	105.9	106.8	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Unemployment	6.6	6.2	0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.0	-6.1	3.3	0.0
Participation rate	72.1	72.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.5	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	68.5	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	183.0	183.1	...	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	127.4	127.9	0.8	0.5	-2.6	-1.3	0.4	-2.0	-1.0
Employment	120.0	120.2	0.8	0.2	-2.1	-0.8	0.2	-1.7	-0.7
Unemployment	7.4	7.6	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	2.7	-7.3	-7.3
Participation rate	69.6	69.9	0.4	0.3	-1.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.9	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.6	0.4	0.0	-1.4	-0.7	...	...	...

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

	September 2003	October 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	839.8	841.5	...	1.7	18.2	22.0	0.2	2.2	2.7
Labour force	629.7	632.2	3.0	2.5	14.3	10.3	0.4	2.3	1.7
Employment	599.7	599.4	3.3	-0.3	15.8	17.0	-0.1	2.7	2.9
Unemployment	30.0	32.8	1.7	2.8	-1.5	-6.7	9.3	-4.4	-17.0
Participation rate	75.0	75.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.3	0.4	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.2	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	785.0	786.1	...	1.1	11.3	13.8	0.1	1.5	1.8
Labour force	565.9	569.2	2.7	3.3	12.0	16.3	0.6	2.2	2.9
Employment	537.9	541.2	2.8	3.3	11.0	15.3	0.6	2.1	2.9
Unemployment	28.1	27.9	1.3	-0.2	0.9	0.9	-0.7	3.3	3.3
Participation rate	72.1	72.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.5	68.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,781.5	1,784.4	...	2.9	27.3	32.3	0.2	1.6	1.8
Labour force	1,211.4	1,216.4	4.7	5.0	22.8	31.8	0.4	1.9	2.7
Employment	1,109.4	1,120.8	4.8	11.4	23.6	24.1	1.0	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	102.0	95.7	3.0	-6.3	-0.6	7.8	-6.2	-0.6	8.9
Participation rate	68.0	68.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	7.9	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.8	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	261.3	261.3	...	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	166.6	166.5	1.6	-0.1	5.0	3.6	-0.1	3.1	2.2
Employment	155.8	155.8	1.7	0.0	5.3	3.9	0.0	3.5	2.6
Unemployment	10.7	10.7	0.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-2.7	-2.7
Participation rate	63.8	63.7	0.6	-0.1	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.6	0.6	0.0	1.6	1.1	...	...	...

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

	September 2003	October 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	2,913.1	2,917.1	...	4.0	35.0	40.8	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	1,990.1	1,994.8	15.6	4.7	12.4	60.7	0.2	0.6	3.1
Employment	1,792.3	1,812.3	15.8	20.0	-2.7	21.0	1.1	-0.1	1.2
Unemployment	197.8	182.5	11.6	-15.3	15.1	39.7	-7.7	9.0	27.8
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.5	0.1	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.1	0.6	-0.8	0.7	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	62.1	0.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,171.9	4,180.3	...	8.4	84.4	98.6	0.2	2.1	2.4
Labour force	2,910.9	2,902.4	17.7	-8.5	34.0	35.6	-0.3	1.2	1.2
Employment	2,674.7	2,691.2	18.3	16.5	23.0	42.3	0.6	0.9	1.6
Unemployment	236.2	211.1	12.2	-25.1	10.9	-6.8	-10.6	5.4	-3.1
Participation rate	69.8	69.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.3	0.4	-0.8	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.4	0.5	0.3	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,784.3	1,787.6	...	3.3	28.3	32.5	0.2	1.6	1.9
Labour force	1,218.0	1,222.6	10.4	4.6	29.9	30.8	0.4	2.5	2.6
Employment	1,112.3	1,136.2	10.2	23.9	39.9	41.8	2.1	3.6	3.8
Unemployment	105.7	86.4	7.2	-19.3	-10.0	-11.0	-18.3	-10.4	-11.3
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.1	0.6	-1.6	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	63.6	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	...	...	...

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 October 2002 and October 2003**

	October	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	25,020.2	16,913.2	15,692.3	1,220.9	67.6	7.2	62.7
	2003	25,319.4	17,210.6	15,917.1	1,293.4	68.0	7.5	62.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	438.8	262.8	222.7	40.0	59.9	15.2	50.8
	2003	438.8	266.2	227.7	38.5	60.7	14.5	51.9
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	207.4	127.2	111.4	15.8	61.3	12.4	53.7
	2003	208.9	130.2	114.1	16.1	62.3	12.4	54.6
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.2	22.1	17.8	4.4	59.4	19.9	47.8
	2003	36.5	20.2	16.2	4.0	55.3	19.8	44.4
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.1	57.8	48.7	9.0	61.4	15.6	51.8
	2003	93.7	60.1	51.9	8.2	64.1	13.6	55.4
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.1	55.7	44.8	10.9	55.6	19.6	44.8
	2003	99.6	55.6	45.5	10.1	55.8	18.2	45.7
Prince Edward Island	2002	112.1	78.7	71.5	7.2	70.2	9.1	63.8
	2003	113.5	79.4	73.1	6.3	70.0	7.9	64.4
Nova Scotia	2002	756.9	480.6	438.6	42.0	63.5	8.7	57.9
	2003	761.0	486.1	442.2	43.9	63.9	9.0	58.1
210 Cape Breton	2002	120.6	65.8	56.5	9.4	54.6	14.3	46.8
	2003	119.6	63.5	52.8	10.7	53.1	16.9	44.1
220 North Shore	2002	133.3	79.5	71.8	7.7	59.6	9.7	53.9
	2003	133.4	82.9	74.8	8.1	62.1	9.8	56.1
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.6	65.0	60.9	4.1	64.0	6.3	59.9
	2003	102.2	63.9	59.2	4.7	62.5	7.4	57.9
240 Southern	2002	104.2	64.0	57.9	6.1	61.4	9.5	55.6
	2003	104.5	65.2	59.0	6.1	62.4	9.4	56.5
250 Halifax	2002	297.2	206.3	191.6	14.7	69.4	7.1	64.5
	2003	301.4	210.6	196.4	14.3	69.9	6.8	65.2
New Brunswick	2002	608.5	395.1	360.6	34.5	64.9	8.7	59.3
	2003	610.2	390.6	355.1	35.5	64.0	9.1	58.2
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	145.8	82.8	71.5	11.3	56.8	13.6	49.0
	2003	144.8	82.0	69.0	13.1	56.6	16.0	47.7
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	153.4	106.3	98.2	8.1	69.3	7.6	64.0
	2003	155.1	107.2	100.5	6.7	69.1	6.3	64.8
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.8	93.1	86.5	6.7	66.6	7.2	61.9
	2003	140.1	90.4	82.9	7.4	64.5	8.2	59.2
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	99.5	68.0	63.0	4.9	68.3	7.2	63.3
	2003	100.3	65.5	60.6	4.9	65.3	7.5	60.4
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	70.0	44.9	41.4	3.5	64.1	7.8	59.1
	2003	69.9	45.5	42.0	3.5	65.1	7.7	60.1
Quebec	2002	6,043.8	3,958.7	3,651.6	307.1	65.5	7.8	60.4
	2003	6,094.8	4,040.3	3,679.6	360.8	66.3	8.9	60.4
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.4	46.1	37.8	8.4	55.9	18.2	45.9
	2003	81.8	46.1	39.6	6.5	56.4	14.1	48.4
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	167.9	89.6	82.0	7.6	53.4	8.5	48.8
	2003	167.1	101.7	92.8	8.9	60.9	8.8	55.5
420 Québec	2002	536.3	343.7	323.5	20.3	64.1	5.9	60.3
	2003	540.5	351.8	327.0	24.7	65.1	7.0	60.5

Table 16

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	October	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.7	224.4	210.3	14.1	70.2	6.3	65.8
	2003	320.4	221.0	209.7	11.3	69.0	5.1	65.4
430 Estrie	2002	238.4	159.8	148.5	11.3	67.0	7.1	62.3
	2003	240.1	161.3	150.2	11.1	67.2	6.9	62.6
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	180.2	113.5	107.2	6.4	63.0	5.6	59.5
	2003	180.7	114.5	105.2	9.3	63.4	8.1	58.2
435 Montérégie	2002	1,077.1	762.4	714.6	47.9	70.8	6.3	66.3
	2003	1,087.4	767.3	711.2	56.1	70.6	7.3	65.4
440 Montréal	2002	1,508.2	954.5	864.6	89.9	63.3	9.4	57.3
	2003	1,526.1	1,002.3	882.4	119.9	65.7	12.0	57.8
445 Laval	2002	291.5	192.9	179.5	13.4	66.2	6.9	61.6
	2003	295.2	194.5	177.5	17.0	65.9	8.7	60.1
450 Lanaudière	2002	325.2	229.8	214.9	14.9	70.7	6.5	66.1
	2003	329.8	222.5	201.7	20.8	67.5	9.3	61.2
455 Laurentides	2002	387.8	263.0	246.2	16.9	67.8	6.4	63.5
	2003	395.5	265.3	247.7	17.6	67.1	6.6	62.6
460 Outaouais	2002	262.1	175.0	161.1	13.9	66.8	7.9	61.5
	2003	267.3	186.1	172.9	13.1	69.6	7.0	64.7
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	120.9	73.3	65.5	7.8	60.6	10.6	54.2
	2003	119.8	75.5	68.9	6.6	63.0	8.7	57.5
470 Mauricie	2002	216.0	130.1	116.6	13.6	60.2	10.5	54.0
	2003	215.5	132.1	117.8	14.3	61.3	10.8	54.7
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.3	135.6	120.9	14.7	58.1	10.8	51.8
	2003	231.9	144.1	127.3	16.8	62.1	11.7	54.9
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	96.8	64.8	58.6	6.2	66.9	9.6	60.5
	2003	95.9	54.4	47.6	6.8	56.7	12.5	49.6
Ontario								
	2002	9,669.2	6,636.2	6,167.7	468.4	68.6	7.1	63.8
	2003	9,817.9	6,758.8	6,281.3	477.5	68.8	7.1	64.0
510 Ottawa	2002	937.2	651.7	605.7	45.9	69.5	7.0	64.6
	2003	952.4	668.1	621.5	46.6	70.1	7.0	65.3
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	338.5	216.3	198.9	17.4	63.9	8.0	58.8
	2003	338.5	204.0	191.1	12.9	60.3	6.3	56.5
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	297.7	172.2	162.5	9.7	57.8	5.6	54.6
	2003	300.3	197.5	189.2	8.3	65.8	4.2	63.0
530 Toronto	2002	4,267.0	3,009.1	2,770.5	238.6	70.5	7.9	64.9
	2003	4,370.2	3,066.3	2,825.2	241.2	70.2	7.9	64.6
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	881.2	621.2	586.2	35.0	70.5	5.6	66.5
	2003	898.7	641.0	603.5	37.5	71.3	5.9	67.2
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,078.2	721.7	676.7	45.0	66.9	6.2	62.8
	2003	1,086.6	742.3	693.8	48.5	68.3	6.5	63.9
560 London	2002	484.7	334.5	313.0	21.5	69.0	6.4	64.6
	2003	487.6	340.8	317.2	23.6	69.9	6.9	65.1
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	511.0	341.6	320.8	20.8	66.8	6.1	62.8
	2003	515.7	336.2	314.2	22.0	65.2	6.5	60.9

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	October	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	236.1	156.9	151.2	5.7	66.5	3.6	64.0
	2003	236.7	158.8	151.0	7.7	67.1	4.8	63.8
590 Northeast	2002	457.1	285.8	264.0	21.7	62.5	7.6	57.8
	2003	452.5	276.3	253.7	22.5	61.1	8.1	56.1
595 Northwest	2002	180.5	125.3	118.1	7.2	69.4	5.7	65.4
	2003	178.6	127.7	120.9	6.7	71.5	5.2	67.7
Manitoba								
	2002	865.1	602.5	573.0	29.5	69.6	4.9	66.2
	2003	869.6	603.7	572.5	31.2	69.4	5.2	65.8
610 Southeast	2002	69.8	49.2	47.0	2.1	70.5	4.3	67.3
	2003	70.9	53.3	51.2	2.2	75.2	4.1	72.2
620 South Central	2002	40.6	27.1	26.2	1.0	66.7	3.7	64.5
	2003	41.1	27.4	26.7	0.8	66.7	2.9	65.0
630 Southwest	2002	82.3	51.2	49.1	2.2	62.2	4.3	59.7
	2003	82.2	54.2	51.9	2.4	65.9	4.4	63.1
640 North Central	2002	34.8	25.0	24.5	0.5	71.8	2.0	70.4
	2003	34.8	24.7	23.7	0.9	71.0	3.6	68.1
650 Winnipeg	2002	501.8	360.1	341.7	18.4	71.8	5.1	68.1
	2003	504.6	354.3	334.8	19.5	70.2	5.5	66.3
660 Interlake	2002	67.9	46.8	44.6	2.2	68.9	4.7	65.7
	2003	68.9	46.0	43.3	2.7	66.8	5.9	62.8
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.0	43.2	40.0	3.1	63.5	7.2	58.8
	2003	67.1	43.8	40.9	2.9	65.3	6.6	61.0
Saskatchewan								
	2002	758.6	521.2	494.1	27.1	68.7	5.2	65.1
	2003	755.9	518.8	491.4	27.4	68.6	5.3	65.0
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	216.9	155.2	147.6	7.6	71.6	4.9	68.0
	2003	216.1	154.4	146.6	7.8	71.4	5.1	67.8
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	84.4	55.1	53.1	1.9	65.3	3.4	62.9
	2003	83.4	57.5	54.8	2.6	68.9	4.5	65.7
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	162.3	153.0	9.2	71.3	5.7	67.3
	2003	227.9	160.9	151.9	8.9	70.6	5.5	66.7
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	69.8	43.0	41.4	1.7	61.6	4.0	59.3
	2003	68.9	40.7	39.0	1.7	59.1	4.2	56.6
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.1	105.6	98.9	6.6	66.0	6.3	61.8
	2003	159.6	105.4	99.0	6.3	66.0	6.0	62.0
Alberta								
	2002	2,432.0	1,788.8	1,692.9	95.9	73.6	5.4	69.6
	2003	2,483.1	1,831.3	1,742.7	88.6	73.8	4.8	70.2
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	190.8	126.1	119.8	6.4	66.1	5.1	62.8
	2003	194.3	135.1	129.1	6.0	69.5	4.4	66.4
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	142.7	102.4	99.0	3.4	71.8	3.3	69.4
	2003	144.4	101.9	98.2	3.7	70.6	3.6	68.0
830 Calgary	2002	872.4	661.2	620.8	40.4	75.8	6.1	71.2
	2003	896.3	675.1	640.4	34.7	75.3	5.1	71.4
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.3	50.2	46.5	3.7	78.1	7.4	72.3
	2003	64.6	46.3	44.4	1.9	71.7	4.1	68.7

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

	October	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	121.3	90.3	85.9	4.4	74.4	4.9	70.8
	2003	124.4	92.8	88.0	4.7	74.6	5.1	70.7
860 Edmonton	2002	795.6	572.0	544.3	27.8	71.9	4.9	68.4
	2003	809.8	591.3	563.5	27.7	73.0	4.7	69.6
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.8	125.5	117.8	7.7	74.3	6.1	69.8
	2003	171.1	125.9	118.9	7.0	73.6	5.6	69.5
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	76.2	61.1	58.8	2.3	80.2	3.8	77.2
	2003	78.3	63.1	60.3	2.8	80.6	4.4	77.0
British Columbia								
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	3,335.2	2,188.6	2,019.5	169.1	65.6	7.7	60.6
	2003	3,374.6	2,235.3	2,051.6	183.8	66.2	8.2	60.8
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	569.8	339.6	313.8	25.8	59.6	7.6	55.1
	2003	573.6	337.4	308.6	28.9	58.8	8.6	53.8
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	1,991.5	1,354.8	1,254.7	100.2	68.0	7.4	63.0
	2003	2,026.7	1,392.7	1,281.5	111.2	68.7	8.0	63.2
940 Kootenay	2002	391.7	236.0	217.4	18.7	60.3	7.9	55.5
	2003	394.8	249.3	229.7	19.6	63.1	7.9	58.2
950 Cariboo	2002	125.3	75.1	68.4	6.8	59.9	9.1	54.6
	2003	125.2	75.7	68.6	7.1	60.5	9.4	54.8
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	135.2	93.4	83.8	9.7	69.1	10.4	62.0
	2003	133.9	91.4	82.4	9.0	68.3	9.8	61.5
980 Northeast	2002	74.1	52.7	47.6	5.0	71.1	9.5	64.2
	2003	72.9	52.0	46.6	5.5	71.3	10.6	63.9
980 Northeast	2002	47.7	36.9	33.9	3.0	77.4	8.1	71.1
	2003	47.6	36.8	34.3	2.5	77.3	6.8	72.1

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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
October 2003										
15 years and over	13,435.5	35.3	668.63	18.27	10,887.2	39.6	770.94	2,548.3	17.1	231.52
15 to 24 years	2,219.3	26.9	301.50	10.43	1,117.8	38.9	467.95	1,101.5	14.8	132.57
25 years and over	11,216.2	37.0	741.27	19.82	9,769.4	39.7	805.61	1,446.8	18.8	306.85
Men	6,863.8	38.0	775.91	19.93	6,081.0	40.9	849.69	782.7	15.9	202.71
Women	6,571.7	32.5	556.58	16.54	4,806.2	38.0	671.30	1,765.5	17.6	244.30
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,399.3	35.9	769.76	21.22	3,755.2	38.8	839.91	644.1	18.9	360.85
No union coverage	9,036.2	35.0	619.39	16.84	7,132.1	40.0	734.62	1,904.1	16.4	187.78
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,833.9	36.2	700.39	18.81	9,983.1	39.6	784.00	1,850.8	18.1	249.38
Temporary	1,601.6	28.6	433.97	14.31	904.2	39.6	626.70	697.5	14.4	184.14
Occupation										
Management	927.5	40.3	1,151.06	28.70	904.9	40.8	1,170.72	22.6	18.9	362.30
Business, finance and administrative	2,594.0	35.0	627.91	17.54	2,190.6	38.2	697.54	403.4	17.6	249.80
Natural and applied sciences	887.7	38.7	1,009.11	26.11	856.1	39.4	1,029.72	31.6	18.9	451.51
Health	750.0	32.6	711.04	21.67	541.1	37.7	823.68	208.9	19.5	419.27
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,036.2	34.1	841.64	24.75	828.3	38.3	941.14	207.9	17.1	445.28
Art, culture, recreation and sport	282.7	29.8	584.85	18.30	183.9	38.9	799.21	98.8	12.8	186.05
Sales and service	3,564.9	30.2	405.59	12.44	2,197.4	38.6	555.06	1,367.5	16.8	165.42
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,913.3	40.0	741.71	18.38	1,776.2	41.8	782.09	137.1	17.6	218.58
Occupations unique to primary industry	261.1	42.4	660.90	15.27	231.7	45.9	724.75	29.4	14.4	157.29
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,218.0	39.5	642.69	16.12	1,177.0	40.4	658.81	41.0	15.6	180.16
October 2002										
15 years and over	13,206.8	35.3	651.07	17.76	10,708.0	39.6	751.01	2,498.8	17.1	222.77
15 to 24 years	2,223.9	27.4	298.00	10.17	1,139.6	39.1	456.77	1,084.3	15.1	131.13
25 years and over	10,983.0	37.0	722.55	19.30	9,568.5	39.7	786.05	1,414.5	18.7	293.01
Men	6,827.8	38.1	758.48	19.42	6,085.6	40.8	827.36	742.2	16.1	193.74
Women	6,379.0	32.4	536.09	15.99	4,622.5	38.0	650.49	1,756.5	17.5	235.03
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,270.5	35.8	748.02	20.65	3,646.3	38.7	816.96	624.2	19.1	345.32
No union coverage	8,936.3	35.1	604.73	16.38	7,061.7	40.1	716.96	1,874.6	16.5	181.96
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,530.3	36.2	682.50	18.31	9,747.0	39.6	763.41	1,783.3	18.0	240.24
Temporary	1,676.5	29.2	434.89	13.98	961.0	40.0	625.23	715.5	14.9	179.22
Occupation										
Management	840.2	40.3	1,116.84	27.82	816.4	40.9	1,137.83	23.9	19.3	398.43
Business, finance and administrative	2,484.9	35.0	619.96	17.32	2,097.7	38.3	689.62	387.2	17.4	242.58
Natural and applied sciences	929.3	38.8	980.47	25.28	895.7	39.5	1,002.74	33.7	18.9	388.12
Health	759.5	32.5	685.60	20.89	543.0	37.5	798.04	216.5	20.1	403.58
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,015.0	34.0	830.81	24.32	811.4	38.4	934.75	203.6	16.7	416.69
Art, culture, recreation and sport	259.2	31.6	597.21	17.89	185.4	38.8	752.08	73.8	13.6	208.25
Sales and service	3,504.5	30.2	393.69	12.06	2,157.8	38.7	541.89	1,346.6	16.8	156.23
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,906.5	40.2	720.49	17.80	1,786.4	41.7	753.90	120.1	17.7	223.60
Occupations unique to primary industry	275.7	41.8	623.36	14.45	237.7	46.0	701.29	38.0	15.1	135.84
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,232.0	39.1	620.50	15.69	1,176.7	40.2	641.05	55.3	16.4	183.23

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 November 9, 2003 to December 6, 2003	Region	Effective from November 9, 2003 to December 6, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	9.3	30. London	7.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.2	31. Niagara	7.4
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	6.8
03. Prince Edward Island	10.5	33. Kitchener	6.5
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	7.9
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	18.0	35. South Central Ontario	4.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.8	36. Sudbury	8.9
06. Halifax	7.2	37. Thunder Bay	6.3
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	12.8
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.9	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.9	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	18.4	40. Southern Manitoba	5.8
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	27.4
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	20.2	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	6.9	42. Regina	5.5
12. Trois-Rivières	11.7	43. Saskatoon	6.0
13. South Central Quebec	3.6	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.3
14. Sherbrooke	7.9	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.3
15. Montérégie	7.0	Alberta	
16. Montréal	10.0	46. Calgary	5.3
17. Central Quebec	11.1	47. Edmonton	5.1
18. Northwestern Quebec	16.6	48. Northern Alberta	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	13.5	49. Southern Alberta	6.6
20. Hull	5.6	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.6	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.3
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	6.8
22. Ottawa	7.0	52. Vancouver	8.0
23. Eastern Ontario	7.2	53. Victoria	7.0
24. Kingston	5.3	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	11.9
25. Central Ontario	6.0	55. Northern British Columbia	14.2
26. Oshawa	4.9	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.9	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	7.0	57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.0	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)*