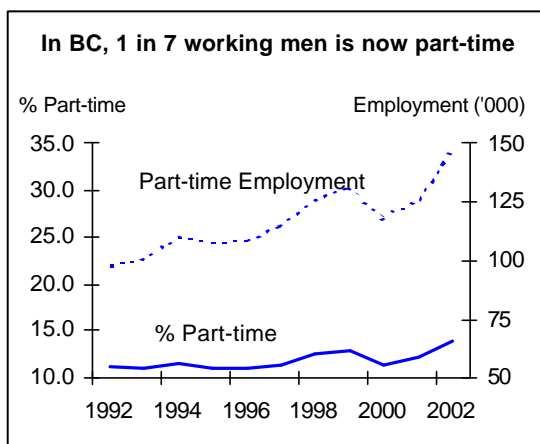
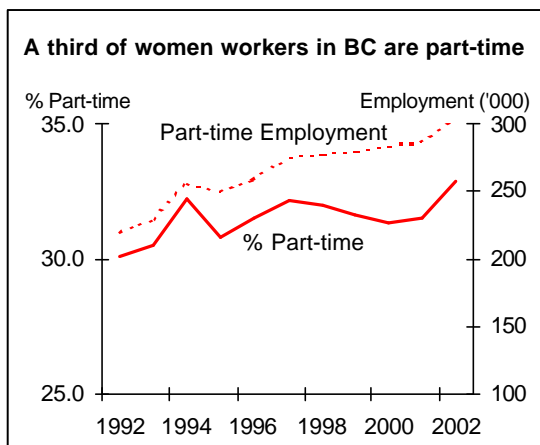
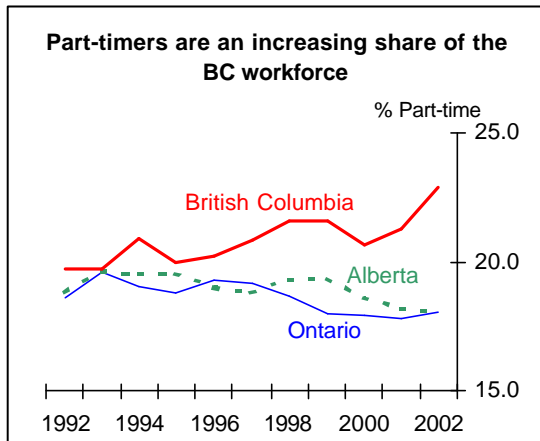


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- The share of jobs held by part-time workers across Canada has been increasing steadily since 1976, the first year for which there is comparable data available.
- By 2002, BC led the provinces in the proportion of part-timers (22.9%), although a decade ago, Saskatchewan was experiencing higher levels than BC today.
- While the total number of persons employed in BC in 2002 was 22% above the level in 1992, part-time employment was 42% above the 1992 level.
- Close to 2/3 of part-time workers in this province are women. However, it is among men where there has been the most growth in the proportion of part-time work.
- In 2002, 69% of BC's part-time workers, said they worked part-time because of other commitments, illness or by choice; 80% of Alberta's workers did so for these reasons. Newfoundland and Labrador was at the other end with only 49% giving these reasons for working part-time; 19% of workers in Newfoundland and Labrador worked part-time.
- Food services and retail are well known as part-time employers. Within retail in BC, the leaders were non-store retailers at 57% of workers and clothing stores at 50% in 2002. Other sectors in BC where more than half of workers were part-time were Other Schools (fine arts, athletic and language) and domestic service.

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey