

Labour Force Statistics ♦ June 2004

HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics in this Highlights article are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

- **B.C. employment in June jumped by 27,200, adding to the gain of 15,200 seen in May.** Full-time employment rose by 35,200, more than offsetting a decrease of 7,900 in part-time employment in June.
- **The labour force participation rate rose to 65.9 per cent in June, up from 65.3 per cent in May.** With employment growing (up 1.3 per cent) even faster than the labour force (up 1.0 per cent), the B.C. unemployment rate fell to 7.5 per cent. The unemployment rate for youth aged 15 to 24 fell to 14.6 per cent in June, down from 15.8 per cent in May. Youth employment grew by 2.1 per cent in June, compared to growth of 1.2 per cent for persons aged 25 and older.
- **Both the goods and services sectors contributed to the employment growth in June.** Service sector growth was led by information and cultural services, transportation services and accommodation and food services. Goods sector employment saw ongoing strong growth in construction (up 9,200 in June from May).
- **Employment for Canada overall in June rose by 24,700, with most of the gain coming from BC (up 1.3 per cent) and Ontario (up 0.3 per cent).** Employment was little changed or down slightly in all other provinces.

Selected Statistics	June 2004	May 2004	June 2003
B.C. Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.8%	8.2%
Canada Unemployment Rate	7.3%	7.2%	7.7%
B.C. Employment - Change from prev. mo.	1.3%	0.7%	-
B.C. Labour Force - Change from prev. mo.	1.0%	0.8%	-
B.C. Labour Force Participation Rate	65.9%	65.3%	65.1%

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