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## Labour Force Statistics ♦ Revised December 2005

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On Wednesday, January 25, 2006, there was a revision affecting all Labour Force Survey estimates from January 1987 to December 2005.

There are three reasons for this revision:

- 1) The revision enables the use of improved population benchmarks in the LFS estimation process. These improved benchmarks provide better information on the number of non-permanent residents.
- 2) There were changes to the data for the public and private sectors from 1987 to 1999. Previously, the data on the public and private sectors for this period were based on an old definition of the public sector. The revised data will better reflect the current public sector definition, and therefore result in a longer time series for analysis.
- 3) The geographic coding of several small Census Agglomerations (CA) have been updated historically from 1996 urban centre boundaries to 2001 CA boundaries. This affects data from January 1987 to December 2004.

For more detailed information on the revisions please see Statistics Canada's January 25, 2006 Daily at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/dai-quo/> and go to 'New products' and download "**Improvements to the Labour Force Survey: no. 3, Catalogue number [71F0031XIE2006003](#) (free)**".