

Labour Force Statistics ♦ June 1997

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in B.C. fell to 8.5 per cent in June from 8.8 per cent in May.** This was due to an estimated net increase in the number of employed persons, accompanied by a decline in the number of unemployed. Labour force levels remained unchanged.
- **Youth employment levels in B.C. in June are up from May by 4.1 per cent, on a seasonally adjusted three-month moving average basis.** Both the overall employment rate for youth and the part-time employment rate declined in June.
- **Actual average B.C. employment levels for June 1997 compared to June 1996 were up 37,000 (2.0 per cent).** On this year-over-year basis, the employment to population ratio in B.C. went from 59.5 per cent in June 1996 to 60.5 per cent in June 1997.
- **Canadian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 9.1 per cent in June from 9.5 per cent in May and 10.0 per cent in June 1996.** The decline was a result of net employment growth of 52,000, the fourth consecutive monthly increase.

Selected Statistics (SA): *	Jun. 1997	May 1997	Jun. 1996
B.C. Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.8%	8.9%
Canada Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.5%	10.0%
B.C. Help Wanted Index (1996=100)	115.0	121.0	98.0
B.C. Employment - Monthly Change	0.3%	0.1%	---
B.C. Labour Force - Monthly Change	0.0%	-0.2%	---
B.C. Participation Rate	64.6%	64.7%	65.3%

* Unless otherwise indicated, all labour force variables are seasonally adjusted.

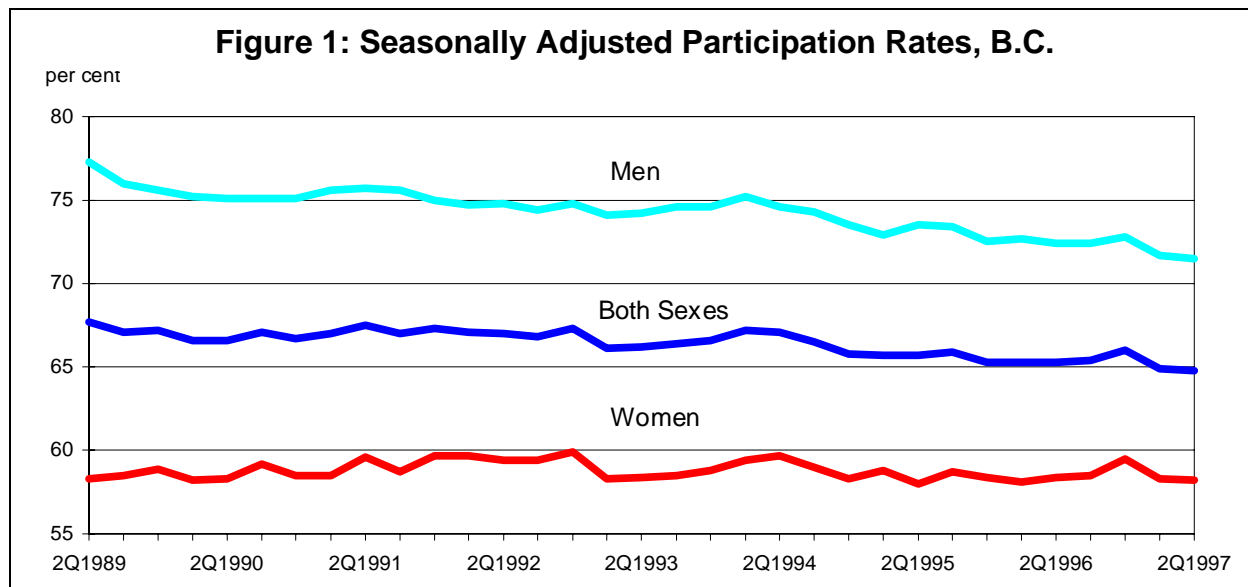
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Summary . . . Employment in British Columbia in the second quarter of 1997 fell from the first quarter 1997 by 0.1 per cent. The number of those actively looking for work, the unemployed, rose by 10,500 causing a rise in the labour force of 0.4 per cent. The second quarter 1997 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.8 per cent from 8.3 per cent in the first quarter of 1997. Part-time employment in the second quarter was up by 0.5 per cent while full-time was down 0.3 per cent. Employment levels in the second quarter of 1997 from the previous quarter were down for both youth aged 15 to 24, and for men aged 25 and older. Employment rose slightly in the goods producing industrial sector in the second quarter of 1997, led by manufacturing and other primary products gains. Overall, service sector employment fell in the second quarter of 1997. There were losses in public administration and retail trade offsetting gains in community services, and business and personal services. The fall in services employment in the second quarter comes after

five consecutive quarters of net employment increases.

Labour Force Participation . . . Comparing the period from the second quarter 1989 to second quarter 1997, working age population (age 15+) growth in B.C. has generally outpaced labour force growth. As noted in Figure 1, B.C.'s overall labour force participation rate has continued to decline during the 1990's. The portion of the working age population that is participating in the labour force has dropped 2.9 percentage points since the second quarter of 1989. This has been driven primarily by declines for men, with 5.6 percentage point drop compared to 0.2 percentage point for women.. Labour force participation rates for men aged 25 to 44 have also declined during the 1990's. Only participation rates for women aged 45 to 64 have increased during this decade. In the last two years youth participation rates in particular have fallen for both men and women



Labour Force . . . The seasonally adjusted estimate of the B.C. labour force - the number of persons working or actively looking for work - increased by 0.4 per cent in the second quarter of 1997 from the first quarter 1997. As seen in Figure 2, this represents a modest increase in the

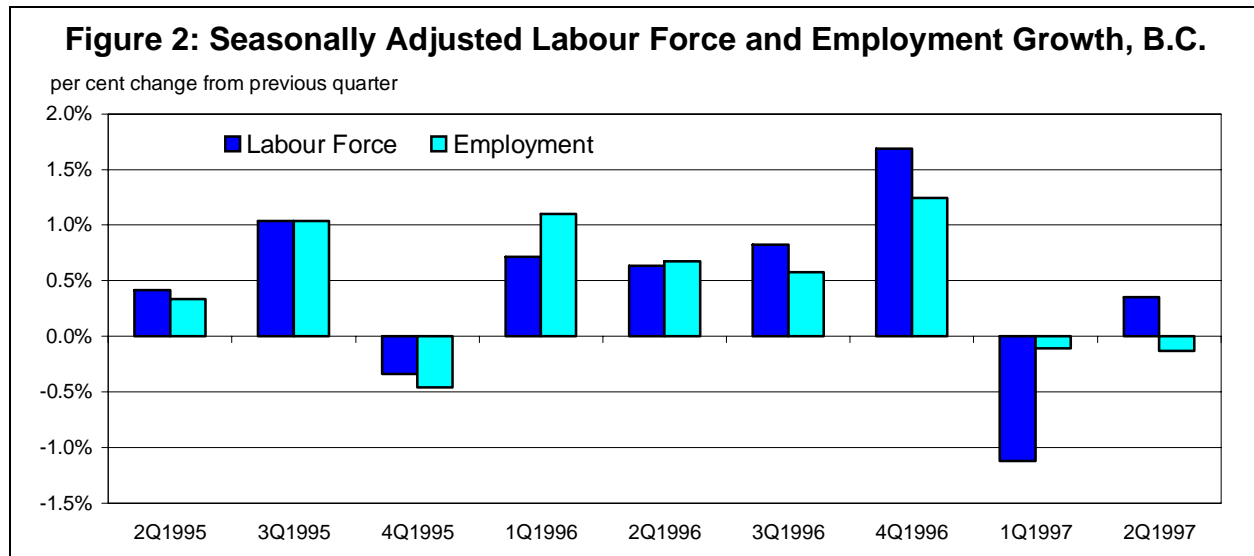
labour force, partly offsetting the decline in the first quarter of 1997. The seasonally adjusted estimate of the labour force increased by 4,000 for men and decreased by 3,000 for women in the second quarter of 1997 from the first quarter of 1997.

Employment . . . Figure 2 also provides a view of quarter to quarter changes in the seasonally adjusted estimates of employment since the second quarter of 1995. For the second consecutive quarter, employment has shown a decline over the previous quarter, falling slightly by 0.1 per cent in the first quarter of 1997 and another 0.1 per cent in the second quarter of 1997. This somewhat offsets the gains seen from the positive growth noted in each quarter since the first quarter of 1996.

With employment declining and labour force slightly expanding, the B.C. unemployment rate rose to 8.8 per cent in the second quarter of 1997. On a quarterly basis, with the exception of the fourth quarter of 1996, the seasonally

adjusted unemployment rate has remained below 9.0 per cent since the third quarter of 1994.

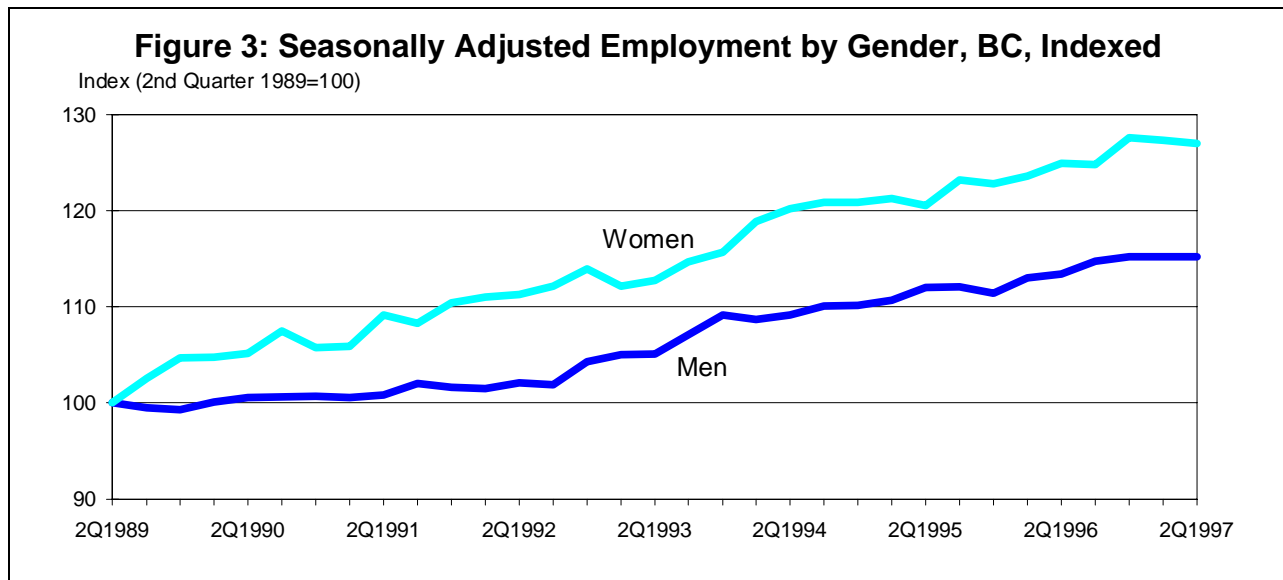
On an actual basis, comparing the second quarter of 1997 to the second quarter of 1996, actual labour force levels increased by 54,000 while employment levels rose by 29,000. Labour force growth overall of 1.7 per cent, was shared by men (1.7 per cent) and women (2.1 per cent). Likewise, the gains in employment on a year over year basis were shared equally by men and women. Employment for men in the second quarter of 1997 increased by 15,000 (1.5 per cent), while it rose by 14,000 for women (1.6 per cent).



Employment by Gender. . . Looking at quarterly seasonally adjusted employment trends by women and men in Figure 3, we see the rate of employment growth for women has exceeded that of men during the 1990's. Figure 3 looks at how employment has expanded, and compares it for men and women by quarter since the second quarter of 1989. Women showed strong employment growth in the last two quarters of 1989 and again in 1993. Comparing the second quarter of 1989 to the second quarter of 1997, employment for women in B.C. has increased by 177,000 (a 27 per cent rise), compared to a 131,000 gain for men (a 15 per cent rise).

However, the situation has recently turned around. In both of the first two quarters of 1997, employment for women has declined while remaining nearly stable for men.

Full and Part-Time Employment . . . Over the past two years, seasonally adjusted full-time employment measured on a quarterly basis has grown but at a slower rate than part-time employment. This is evidenced in Figure 4. Full-time employment increased by 2.3 per cent in the past 8 quarters, a net increase of 32,000. Part-time work grew by 11.0 per cent over the same period, a 38,000 net increase.

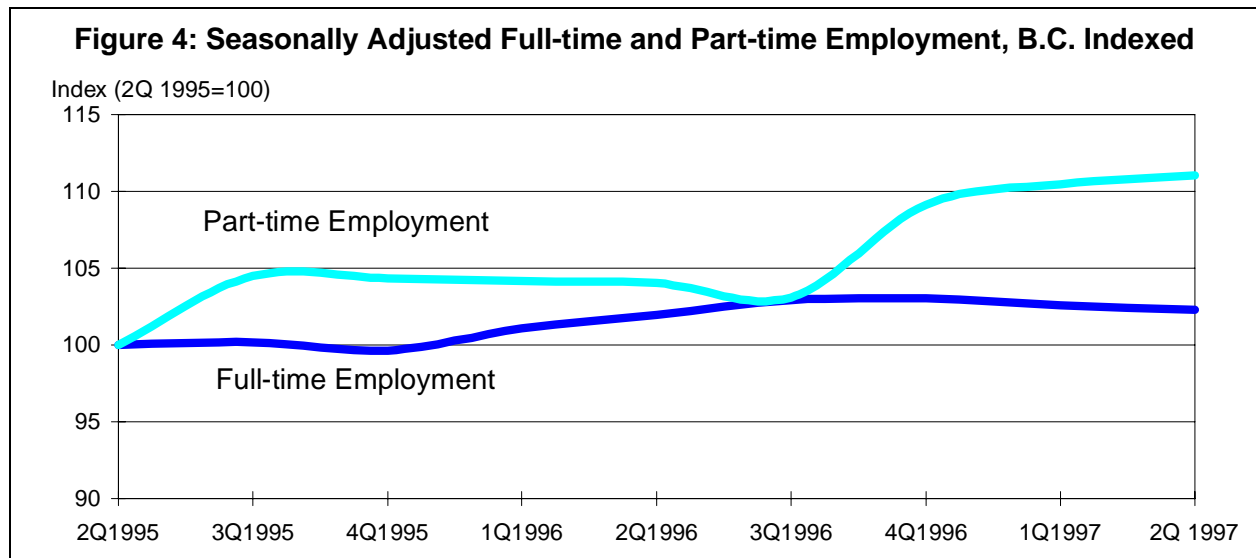


More recently part-time employment growth jumped up during the last three quarters, while full-time employment decreased slightly. As can be further seen in Figure 4, over the past two years, part-time employment levels were more variable than full-time employment, though both remain higher than the second quarter of 1995. Comparing the second quarter of 1997 to the first quarter, seasonally adjusted full-time employment was flat for men but declined for women. Part-time employment gains were shared by men and women.

On an actual year over year quarterly basis and comparing the second quarters of 1997 and 1996, full-time employment for men showed an increase

(up 1.8 per cent), but for women showed a decrease (down 1.8 per cent). Actual part-time employment decreased for men (-0.6 per cent) and increased for women (9.4 per cent) in the second quarter of 1997 compared to the second quarter of 1996. In effect, men gained full-time employment while women gained part-time employment.

The proportion of all employed women who work part-time continues to remain much higher than for men. Comparing the actual second quarter of 1996 to that quarter of 1997, the part-time employment rate for women rose from 30.5 per cent to 32.8 per cent, while it changed very little for men, from 11.0 per cent to 10.7 per cent.

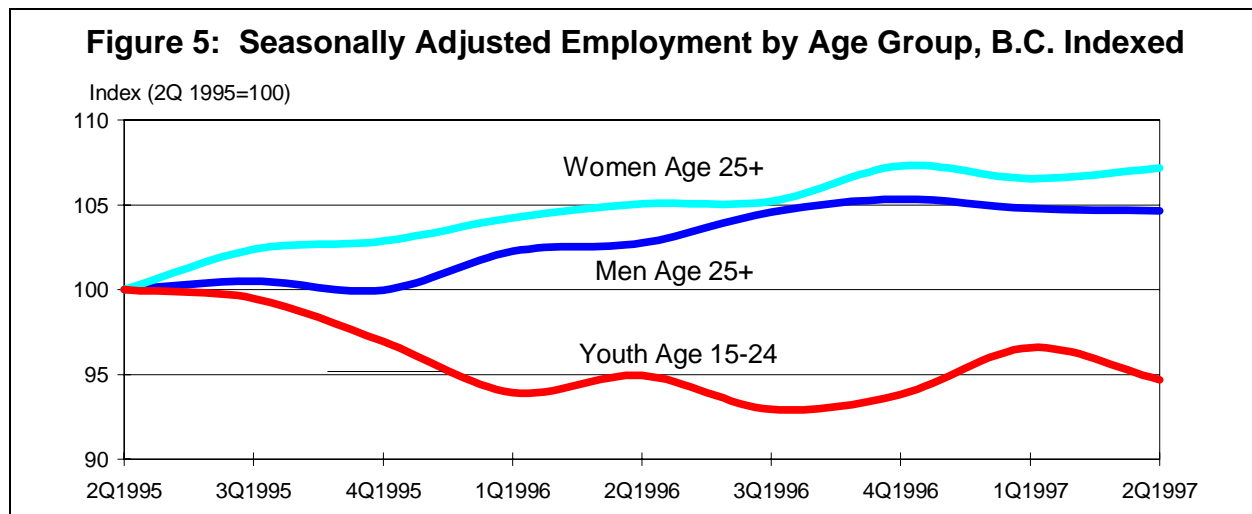


Employment Changes by Age Group . . .

Seasonally adjusted employment for the largest group of workers, those aged 25 and over (often labeled “adults”), remained nearly constant over the first two quarters of 1997 after strong increases in the latter half of 1996. Both men and women aged 25 and older saw little change to their employment levels in the second quarter of 1997. By contrast, youth aged 15 to 24 experienced a 2.9 per cent rise in employment in the first quarter of 1997, but showed a 2.0 per cent decline in the second quarter of 1997.

Employment for youth, adult men and adult

women is indexed in Figure 5 (first quarter of 1995 = 100). Both men and women aged 25 and older experienced a generally steady increase in employment over the last two years. By contrast youth aged 15 to 24 saw mainly declines over this period and especially during 1995. More recently, the decline in employment for youth in the second quarter of 1997 partly offset the employment gains that youth experienced in the two previous quarters. Youth employment in the second quarter of 1997 stood at 5,000 higher than the low it reached in the third quarter of 1996.



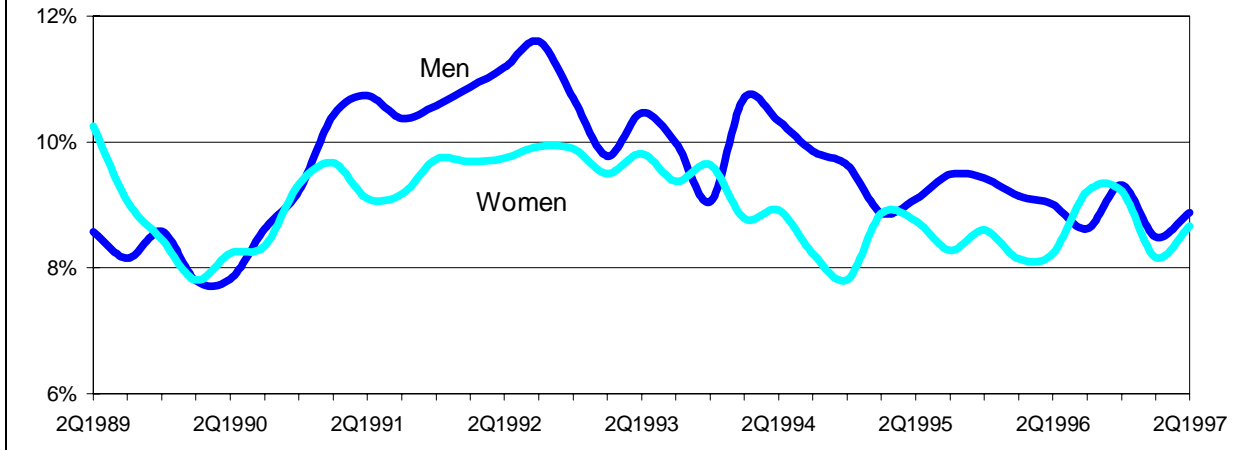
Unemployment . . . The B.C. unemployment rate rose to 8.8 per cent in the second quarter of 1997, from 8.3 per cent in the first quarter of 1997. With the exception of the fourth quarter of 1996, the unemployment rate has remained below 9.0 per cent for the last eleven quarters. As seen in Figure 6, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for men in the second quarter of 1997 rose to 8.9 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the previous quarter. There was a greater increase for women to 8.7 per cent, up from 8.2 per cent. Labour force and employment changes have kept the unemployment rate fluctuating within a narrow one percentage point band over the last two years. Looking further back and as seen in Figure 6, the unemployment rate for men generally exceed women’s. However, recently the gap narrowed and the rates are now very close.

The actual unemployment rate for youth aged 15

to 24 in the second quarter of 1997 rose to 16.0 per cent from 14.1 per cent in the second quarter of 1996. By comparison, workers aged 25 to 44 saw their unemployment rate drop to 7.8 per cent from 8.1 per cent. Those aged 45 to 64 saw their unemployment rate rise to 6.6 per cent from 6.3 per cent over the same period.

Employment by Industry . . . Figure 7 provides a table of net changes in seasonally adjusted quarterly employment by industry. Strong overall net increase in the goods producing sector occurred in the second quarter of 1997 from the first quarter of 1997. A proportionately larger net employment decrease occurred in the overall services sector over this quarter. For services, this decline nearly offsets the net gain seen in the first quarter of 1997 and breaks the pattern of constant employment gains for services seen in successive quarters since the first quarter of 1996.

Figure 6: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate by Sex, B.C.



The final column in Figure 7 provides employment levels by industry for comparison of relative employment magnitude between sectors. For example, goods sector employment in the most recent quarter was over 420,000, while services employment was over 1.4 million - over 3 times that of goods sector employment.

Within the goods producing sector, net employment gains in other primary (forestry and logging, and fishing and mining), manufacturing and utilities offset losses in agriculture and construction. Total goods sector employment in the second quarter of 1997 was up by 6,700 from the first quarter of 1997. Service sector employment in the second quarter of 1997 showed employment losses of 9,200 over the previous quarter. Service sector

losses were led by the trade sector (retail and wholesale), finance, insurance & real estate, and public administration. These losses were partially offset by gains in community services (including education and health services), and business & personal services.

Overall, quarterly net change by industry during the past two years has shown fairly steady employment levels for most industry sectors but with some exceptions. Community Services and Business & Personal Services have shown substantial increases in employment levels in the last three quarters. Retail and wholesale trade experienced a net loss in employment in the latest quarter after significant gains in the four previous quarters.

Figure 7: Seasonally Adjusted Employment by Industry, B.C.

Net change from previous quarter (000's)

Industries	2Q1995	3Q1995	4Q1995	1Q1996	2Q1996	3Q1996	4Q1996	1Q1997	2Q 1997	2Q 1997 Levels
	5			6					1997	
Agriculture	1.0	8.4	0.9	1.8	-1.2	-0.7	0.3	1.6	-0.5	34,300
Other Primary	-0.9	-1.9	-5.2	2.5	0.8	-6.8	3.5	-0.5	3.8	53,100
Utilities	-0.5	-0.9	1.1	-2.4	2.5	-0.8	-2.8	-0.4	2.0	11,500
Manufacturing	-8.0	3.0	10.8	4.3	3.0	8.7	-13.7	-15.9	7.1	192,900
Construction	-0.6	-9.2	-2.2	6.4	-4.5	6.2	3.6	4.4	-6.3	129,700
Trans./Storage/Comm.	6.2	-8.9	-2.4	2.0	1.3	4.7	-5.1	9.5	0.7	135,000
Trade	5.9	-2.9	-10.4	-8.1	0.6	24.8	10.6	5.3	-19.5	323,200
Finance/Ins./Real Estate	4.4	7.6	-3.3	-5.3	4.6	1.4	3.0	-7.8	-9.1	99,800
Community Services	-8.3	-0.9	5.9	3.6	2.1	-7.6	13.2	8.4	14.5	327,600
Business & Pers. Services	1.9	28.7	1.3	2.2	3.5	-15.3	4.2	5.5	10.8	429,700
Public Administration	4.8	-4.9	-4.5	12.7	-0.6	-4.3	5.7	-9.3	-8.8	89,800
Total Goods	-8.9	-0.5	5.3	12.5	0.6	6.7	-9.1	-11.5	6.7	421,400

Total Service	14.8	18.7	-13.4	7.0	11.5	3.7	31.6	9.6	-9.2	1,405,200
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Regional Labour Markets . . . Unlike most of the analysis in this article to this point, regional labour market characteristics are not available in seasonally adjusted estimates. Rather, all regional comparisons made in Figures 8(1) and 8(2) are year over year measures examining the actual second quarter of 1997 to the actual second quarter in 1996.

The estimated employment level in the second quarter of 1997, compared to the same period in 1996, showed an increase in all development regions except the Cariboo. Though up, employment remained fairly constant in the Kootenay and Lower Mainland regions. In the Cariboo, declines in the level of employment were accompanied by declines in the labour force and an increase in the unemployment

rate. On a quarterly basis, the Cariboo remains the only region in BC with an unemployment rate in the double digits.

Vancouver Island/Coast saw the largest increase in year over year employment in the second quarter, rising by 6.2 per cent and contributing to a 0.8 percentage point drop in the region's unemployment rate in this period. The largest region in terms of population and labour market, the Lower Mainland/Southwest (which includes Greater Vancouver), saw employment growth of 0.8 per cent. This fell below their labour force growth and served to increase both the region's unemployment rate as well as the overall B.C. unemployment rate.

Figure 8(1): Regional Labour Market Changes, 2nd Quarter of 1996 and 1997

Development Region	Labour Force (000's)			Employment (000's)			Unempl. Rate (%)	
	2nd Quarter 1996	2nd Quarter 1997	% Chg.	2nd Quarter 1996	2nd Quarter 1997	% Chg.	2nd Quarter 1996	2nd Quarter 1997
Vancouver Island/Coast	345	364	5.4%	314	333	6.2%	9.2%	8.4%
Lower Mainland/S.W.	1,152	1,175	2.0%	1,064	1,072	0.8%	7.7%	8.8%
Thompson/Okanagan	231	229	-0.8%	206	210	2.0%	10.8%	8.3%
Kootenay	71	69	-1.6%	64	64	0.3%	9.5%	7.8%
Cariboo	91	85	-7.1%	82	76	-8.0%	10.0%	10.9%
North Coast/Nechako	57	59	3.2%	52	54	2.9%	8.2%	8.4%
Northeast	35	36	2.9%	32	33	3.4%	8.7%	5.8%
B.C.	1,982	2,003	1.1%	1,813	1,827	0.8%	8.5%	8.8%

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The northern most regions of the province (North Coast/Nechako, and Northeast regions) continued to have the highest employment to working age population ratios in the second quarter of 1997.

These two regions also saw an increase in their employment to population ratios from the second quarter of 1996 to the second quarter of 1997. The only other region to see an increase was Vancouver Island. Employment to population ratios lower than the provincial average were found in the Thompson/ Okanagan, Kootenay, and Vancouver Island regions. Vancouver Island's ratio remains below the provincial average despite the largest increase in an employment to population ratio of any region from the second quarter of 1996 to the second quarter of 1997.

The Cariboo region, which continues to have the highest unemployment rate in the province, also saw the largest drop in the labour force

participation ratio and the employment population ratio, from second quarter of 1996 to the second quarter of 1997. The decline was 7.1 percentage points compared to a decline overall for BC of 1.0 percentage points. The decline in the labour force participation ratio for the Cariboo occurred over a period where working age population in the region is estimated to have

increased by 2.8%, above the provincial rate of increase of 2.6%.

The Lower Mainland/Southwest region lost ground in both its labour force participation rate and employment to population ratio. This reflected an above average rate of labour force growth combined with only an average rate of employment growth.

Figure 8(2): Regional Labour Market Changes, 2nd Quarter of 1996 and 1997

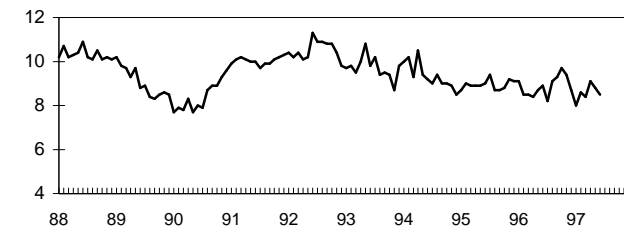
Development Region	Working Age Pop. 15+ (000's)			L.F. Participation. Rate		Employ./Pop Ratio	
	2nd	2nd	% Change	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	1996	1997		1996	1997	1996	1997
Vancouver Island/Coast	561	571	1.9%	61.6%	63.7%	55.9%	58.3%
Lower Mainland/S.W.	1,723	1,771	2.8%	66.9%	66.4%	61.7%	60.5%
Thompson/Okanagan	365	375	2.8%	63.2%	61.0%	56.4%	55.9%
Kootenay	118	120	2.1%	60.0%	57.8%	54.3%	53.3%
Cariboo	122	125	2.8%	74.9%	67.7%	67.4%	60.3%
North Coast/Nechako	78	79	1.9%	73.2%	74.1%	67.3%	67.9%
Northeast	49	50	2.9%	71.6%	71.6%	65.2%	65.6%
B.C.	3015	3,092	2.6%	65.7%	64.8%	60.1%	59.1%

Note: Percentage changes in Figures 7 & 8 are calculated using unrounded data

1 Summary for June 1997--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

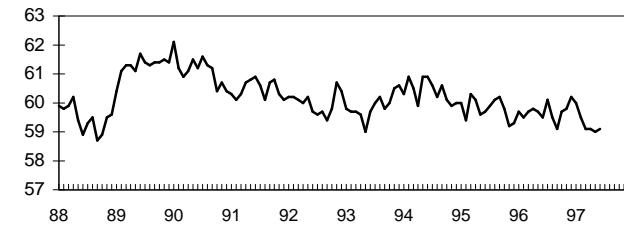
	Current June 1997		Previous Month May 1997		One Year Ago June 1996		Change from May 1997		Change from June 1996	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3,098		3,092		3,021		0.2%		2.6%	
Labour Force('000)	2,040	2,002	2,019	2,002	2,007	1,972	1.1%	0.0%	1.7%	1.5%
Employment ('000)	1,875	1,831	1,844	1,825	1,838	1,797	1.7%	0.3%	2.0%	1.9%
Unemployment('000)	165	170	175	176	168	175	-5.8%	-3.6%	-2.1%	-2.7%
Employment Rate ¹	60.5%	59.1%	59.6%	59.0%	60.9%	59.5%				
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.5%	8.7%	8.8%	8.4%	8.9%				
Participation Rate	65.8%	64.6%	65.3%	64.7%	66.4%	65.3%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	23,678		23,646		23,336		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	15,727	15,344	15,472	15,349	15,444	15,132	1.6%	0.0%	1.8%	1.4%
Employment ('000)	14,349	13,947	14,003	13,896	13,978	13,624	2.5%	0.4%	2.7%	2.4%
Unemployment('000)	1,378	1,397	1,469	1,454	1,467	1,508	-6.2%	-3.9%	-6.1%	-7.4%
Employment Rate ¹	60.6%	58.9%	59.2%	58.8%	59.9%	58.4%				
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.1%	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%				
Participation Rate	66.4%	64.8%	65.4%	64.9%	66.2%	64.8%				

BC Unemployment Rate*:



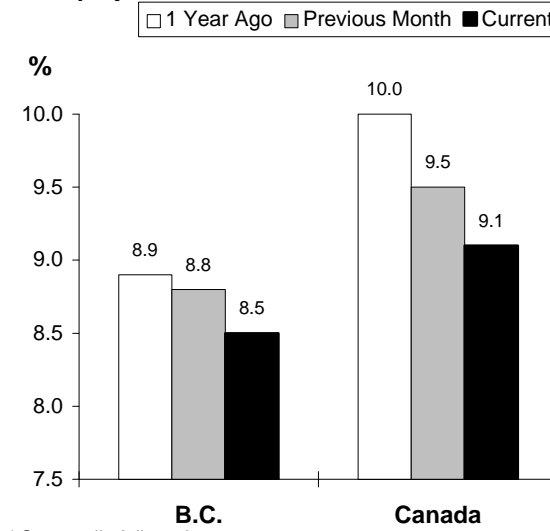
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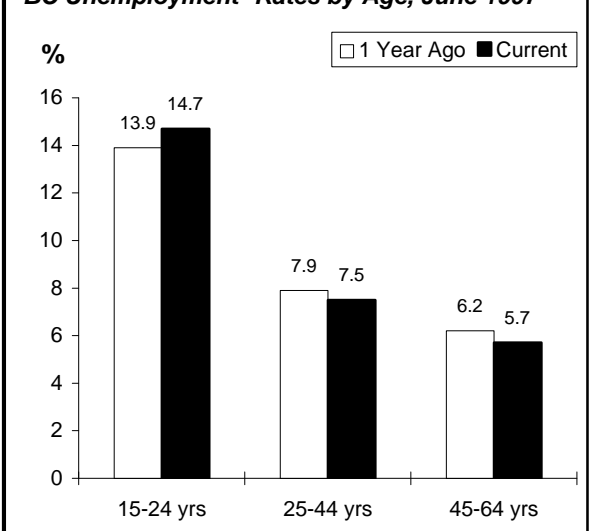
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Unemployment* Rate, June 1997



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BC Unemployment* Rates by Age, June 1997



* Unadjusted

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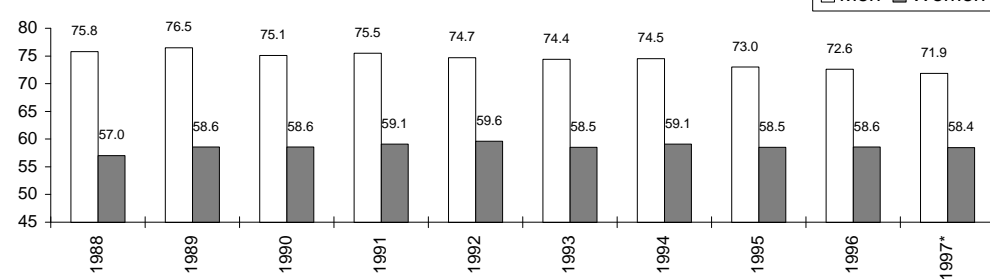
	Actual						% Change in Employment, Annual Avg					Unemployment Rate, Annual Average							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate											
	('000)	% Change	('000)	% Change	('000)	% Change	(%)	(%)											
1987	1,579		1,390		189		12.0	66.3											
1988	1,611	2.0	1,444	3.9	166	-12.1	10.3	66.3											
1989	1,676	4.1	1,524	5.5	153	-8.2	9.1	67.4											
1990	1,704	1.7	1,561	2.5	142	-6.6	8.4	66.7											
1991	1,762	3.4	1,585	1.5	176	23.9	10.0	67.2											
1992	1,809	2.7	1,619	2.2	190	7.7	10.5	67.0											
1993	1,845	2.0	1,666	2.9	179	-5.6	9.7	66.3											
1994	1,913	3.7	1,733	4.0	180	0.4	9.4	66.7											
1995	1,935	1.2	1,762	1.7	173	-3.7	9.0	65.7											
1996	1,982	2.4	1,806	2.5	176	1.4	8.9	65.5											
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Seasonally Adjusted																			
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate											
	('000)	% Change (from prev. mo.)	('000)	% Change (from prev. mo.)	('000)	% Change (from prev. mo.)	(%)	(%)											
1996 Jan	1,927	2.5	1,729	2.0	198	7.2	10.3	64.5	1,962		1,784		178		9.1	65.6			
Feb	1,921	2.1	1,742	2.7	180	-3.3	9.4	64.1	1,949	-0.7	1,782	-0.1	166	-6.6	8.5	65.1			
Mar	1,941	1.2	1,766	1.8	175	-4.0	9.0	64.7	1,958	0.5	1,792	0.5	166	-0.3	8.5	65.2			
Apr	1,949	1.6	1,783	2.3	167	-5.7	8.5	64.8	1,963	0.3	1,798	0.4	165	-0.5	8.4	65.2			
May	1,989	2.5	1,818	2.7	171	0.2	8.6	66.0	1,970	0.4	1,799	0.0	171	3.8	8.7	65.3			
Jun	2,007	1.9	1,838	2.1	168	0.2	8.4	66.4	1,972	0.1	1,797	-0.1	175	2.2	8.9	65.3			
Jul	2,032	1.6	1,867	3.0	165	-12.0	8.1	67.1	1,983	0.5	1,820	1.3	163	-6.8	8.2	65.4			
Aug	2,038	2.2	1,856	1.6	182	8.5	8.9	67.1	1,988	0.2	1,806	-0.7	182	11.3	9.1	65.5			
Sep	1,983	1.6	1,817	1.0	166	8.5	8.4	65.2	1,984	-0.2	1,800	-0.4	185	1.7	9.3	65.2			
Oct	2,010	3.8	1,828	2.7	182	15.5	9.0	65.9	2,018	1.7	1,821	1.2	197	6.4	9.7	66.1			
Nov	1,996	4.1	1,811	3.9	185	5.9	9.3	65.3	2,018	0.0	1,829	0.4	189	-3.7	9.4	66.0			
Dec	1,985	3.9	1,816	4.3	170	-0.6	8.5	64.8	2,019	0.1	1,843	0.8	176	-6.8	8.7	65.9			
1997 Jan	1,960	1.7	1,784	3.2	176	-11.4	9.0	63.9	2,002	-0.9	1,841	-0.1	161	-8.7	8.0	65.2			
Feb	1,967	2.4	1,782	2.3	186	3.3	9.4	64.0	2,000	-0.1	1,828	-0.7	173	7.2	8.6	65.1			
Mar	1,962	1.1	1,789	1.3	173	-1.1	8.8	63.7	1,985	-0.8	1,819	-0.5	167	-3.5	8.4	64.5			
Apr	1,992	2.2	1,807	1.3	185	11.4	9.3	64.5	2,005	1.0	1,824	0.3	182	9.0	9.1	65.0			
May	2,019	1.5	1,844	1.4	175	2.3	8.7	65.3	2,002	-0.2	1,825	0.1	176	-2.8	8.8	64.7			
Jun	2,040	1.7	1,875	2.0	165	-2.1	8.1	65.8	2,002	0.0	1,831	0.3	170	-3.6	8.5	64.6			
Jul																			
Aug																			
Sep																			
Oct																			
Nov																			
Dec																			
Average:																			
Jan-Jun96	1,956		1,779		176		9.0	65.1	1,962		1,792		170		8.7	65.3			
Jan-Jun97	1,990		1,813		177		8.9	64.5	1,999		1,828		171		8.6	64.9			
% Change	1.7		1.9		0.1				1.9		2.0		0.6						

3a Labour Force Data by Gender, Actual

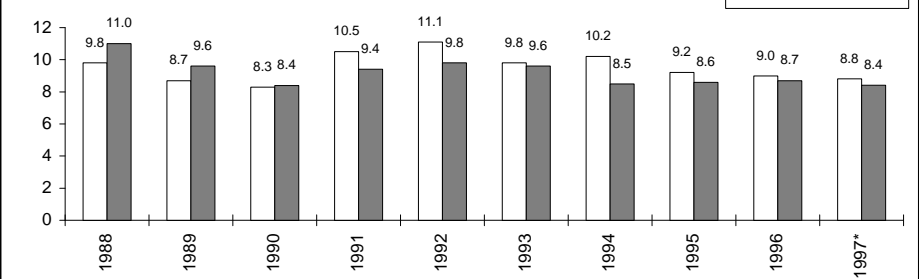
	Labour Force (000's)			Employed (000's)			Unemployed (000's)			Unemployment Rate (%)			Participation Rate (%)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1987	1,579	903	677	1,390	799	592	189	104	85	12.0	11.6	12.5	66.3	76.7	56.1
1988	1,611	910	701	1,444	821	624	166	89	77	10.3	9.8	11.0	66.3	75.8	57.0
1989	1,676	939	737	1,524	858	666	153	82	71	9.1	8.7	9.6	67.4	76.5	58.6
1990	1,704	947	757	1,561	868	693	142	79	64	8.4	8.3	8.4	66.7	75.1	58.6
1991	1,762	977	784	1,585	875	711	176	103	74	10.0	10.5	9.4	67.2	75.5	59.1
1992	1,809	995	815	1,619	885	735	190	110	80	10.5	11.1	9.8	67.0	74.7	59.6
1993	1,845	1,021	825	1,666	920	745	179	100	79	9.7	9.8	9.6	66.3	74.4	58.5
1994	1,913	1,053	860	1,733	946	787	180	107	73	9.4	10.2	8.5	66.7	74.5	59.1
1995	1,935	1,061	874	1,762	963	799	173	98	76	9.0	9.2	8.6	65.7	73.0	58.5
1996	1,982	1,083	898	1,806	986	820	176	98	78	8.9	9.0	8.7	65.5	72.6	58.6
1996															
Jan	1,927	1,066	861	1,729	948	781	198	118	80	10.3	11.1	9.3	64.5	72.3	56.8
Feb	1,921	1,059	862	1,742	954	788	180	105	74	9.4	10.0	8.6	64.1	71.7	56.8
Mar	1,941	1,066	875	1,766	965	801	175	101	74	9.0	9.5	8.4	64.7	72.0	57.5
Apr	1,949	1,063	886	1,783	968	815	167	95	71	8.5	9.0	8.0	64.8	71.6	58.1
May	1,989	1,086	903	1,818	982	836	171	104	67	8.6	9.6	7.4	66.0	73.0	59.1
Jun	2,007	1,096	910	1,838	1,000	839	168	97	71	8.4	8.8	7.8	66.4	73.6	59.5
Jul	2,032	1,121	911	1,867	1,037	831	165	85	80	8.1	7.6	8.8	67.1	75.0	59.3
Aug	2,038	1,113	925	1,856	1,023	832	182	89	93	8.9	8.0	10.0	67.1	74.3	60.1
Sep	1,983	1,069	914	1,817	989	828	166	80	87	8.4	7.5	9.5	65.2	71.2	59.3
Oct	2,010	1,090	919	1,828	997	831	182	94	88	9.0	8.6	9.6	65.9	72.4	59.5
Nov	1,996	1,086	910	1,811	984	827	185	102	83	9.3	9.4	9.1	65.3	72.0	58.8
Dec	1,985	1,082	904	1,816	981	835	170	101	69	8.5	9.3	7.6	64.8	71.6	58.3
1997															
Jan	1,960	1,072	888	1,784	971	813	176	101	74	9.0	9.4	8.4	63.9	70.8	57.1
Feb	1,967	1,076	892	1,782	974	808	186	102	84	9.4	9.5	9.4	64.0	70.9	57.3
Mar	1,962	1,073	888	1,789	975	814	173	98	75	8.8	9.1	8.4	63.7	70.6	57.0
Apr	1,992	1,082	910	1,807	975	832	185	107	78	9.3	9.9	8.6	64.5	71.0	58.2
May	2,019	1,105	914	1,844	1,004	839	175	100	75	8.7	9.1	8.2	65.3	72.4	58.4
Jun	2,040	1,106	934	1,875	1,016	859	165	90	75	8.1	8.1	8.0	65.8	72.3	59.5
Jul															
Aug															
Sep															
Oct															
Nov															
Dec															
Average:															
Jan-Jun96	1,956	1,073	883	1,779	969	810	176	103	73	9.0	9.7	8.3	65.1	72.4	58.0
Jan-Jun97	1,990	1,086	904	1,813	986	828	177	100	77	8.9	9.2	8.5	64.5	71.3	57.9
% Change	1.7	1.2	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.2	0.1	-3.5	5.2						

3b BC Labour Force by Gender, Seasonally Adjusted 3 Month Moving Average

BC Participation Rates:



BC Unemployment Rates:



* YTD average, seasonally adjusted

* YTD average, seasonally adjusted

	Labour Force					Employed					Unemployed			Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate			
	Total	Men		Women		Total	Men		Women		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	
	('000)	('000)	% Ch	('000)	% Ch	('000)	('000)	% Ch	('000)	% Ch	('000)	('000)	('000)	%	%	%	%	%	%	
1996																				
Jan	1,948	1,068		880		1,770	967		803		178	101	77	9.1	9.5	8.7	65.3	72.7	58.2	
Feb	1,951	1,071	0.3	880	0.0	1,778	970	0.4	807	0.5	174	101	73	8.9	9.4	8.3	65.3	72.7	58.1	
Mar	1,956	1,075	0.3	882	0.1	1,786	976	0.6	810	0.3	170	98	72	8.7	9.1	8.1	65.3	72.7	58.1	
Apr	1,957	1,072	-0.2	884	0.3	1,791	978	0.2	813	0.4	166	95	71	8.5	8.8	8.1	65.2	72.4	58.1	
May	1,964	1,075	0.2	889	0.5	1,796	979	0.1	817	0.5	167	96	72	8.5	8.9	8.1	65.3	72.4	58.3	
Jun	1,969	1,077	0.2	892	0.3	1,798	980	0.0	818	0.2	170	97	73	8.7	9.0	8.2	65.3	72.4	58.4	
Jul	1,975	1,083	0.6	892	0.0	1,805	987	0.7	819	0.0	170	96	74	8.6	8.9	8.3	65.4	72.6	58.3	
Aug	1,981	1,085	0.2	896	0.4	1,808	991	0.4	817	-0.2	173	95	79	8.7	8.7	8.8	65.4	72.6	58.4	
Sep	1,985	1,085	-0.1	900	0.5	1,809	991	0.0	817	0.0	176	93	83	8.9	8.6	9.2	65.4	72.4	58.5	
Oct	1,997	1,085	0.1	911	1.2	1,809	987	-0.4	822	0.6	188	98	89	9.4	9.1	9.8	65.6	72.2	59.1	
Nov	2,007	1,090	0.4	917	0.6	1,817	989	0.2	828	0.7	190	101	89	9.5	9.3	9.7	65.8	72.4	59.4	
Dec	2,018	1,098	0.7	921	0.4	1,831	995	0.7	836	0.9	187	102	85	9.3	9.3	9.2	66.0	72.8	59.5	
1997																				
Jan	2,013	1,096	-0.2	917	-0.4	1,838	998	0.3	839	0.4	176	98	78	8.7	8.9	8.5	65.7	72.5	59.1	
Feb	2,007	1,093	-0.2	914	-0.3	1,837	999	0.0	839	-0.1	170	95	75	8.5	8.7	8.2	65.4	72.2	58.8	
Mar	1,996	1,088	-0.5	908	-0.6	1,829	995	-0.3	834	-0.6	167	93	74	8.3	8.5	8.2	64.9	71.7	58.3	
Apr	1,997	1,089	0.1	908	0.0	1,823	992	-0.3	832	-0.3	174	97	77	8.7	8.9	8.4	64.8	71.6	58.2	
May	1,997	1,091	0.2	907	-0.2	1,823	993	0.1	830	-0.3	175	98	77	8.8	9.0	8.5	64.7	71.6	58.0	
Jun	2,003	1,092	0.1	911	0.5	1,827	995	0.2	832	0.3	176	97	79	8.8	8.9	8.7	64.8	71.5	58.2	
Jul																				
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jun96	1,957	1,073		884		1,786	975		811		171	98	73	8.7	9.1	8.3	65.3	72.6	58.2	
Jan-Jun97	2,002	1,091		911		1,829	995		834		173	96	77	8.6	8.8	8.4	65.1	71.9	58.4	
% Change	2.3	1.7		3.0		2.4	2.1		2.8		1.1	-1.8	5.0							

NOTE: percent changes are month over month.

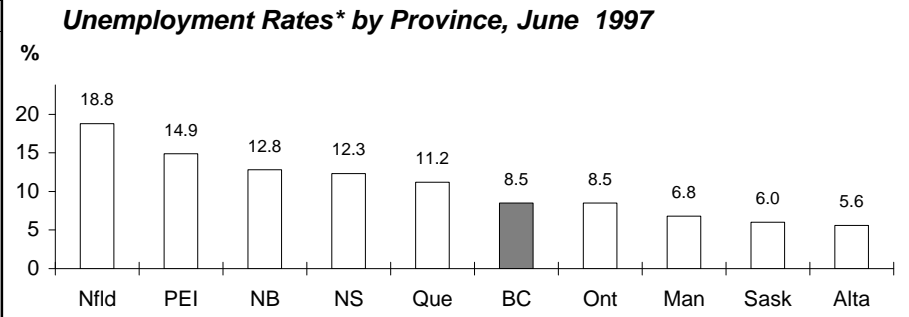
4 Employment Growth by Province (%)

	Actual											Employment Growth* by Province, June 1997										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	Man	Sask	Alta	Que	Ont	Nfld	PEI	BC	NB	NS	
1987	2.7	-0.1	0.3	0.8	3.8	2.9	3.4	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.7	3.7	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.2	
1988	3.9	3.1	-0.6	0.1	3.7	2.8	3.3	4.5	2.6	5.4	3.2											
1989	5.5	2.4	-1.5	0.9	2.0	1.2	1.6	2.0	0.6	3.7	2.1											
1990	2.5	1.9	0.1	1.1	-0.3	0.5	2.0	1.5	1.1	-0.1	0.6											
1991	1.5	1.0	0.0	-2.4	-3.5	-2.3	-1.7	-2.1	-3.3	-1.4	-1.9											
1992	2.2	-0.4	-1.7	-1.5	-0.8	-1.0	1.8	-2.8	1.3	-4.3	-0.6											
1993	2.9	0.9	0.9	2.1	1.8	0.4	1.0	-0.8	0.6	-0.4	1.3											
1994	4.0	3.1	0.5	0.5	1.4	2.5	0.7	3.1	3.1	0.7	2.1											
1995	1.7	2.7	0.7	2.0	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.2	4.6	1.4	1.6											
1996	2.5	2.9	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.3	-0.3	0.2	2.4	-3.9	1.3											
												* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)										
												Seasonally Adjusted										
												BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996 Jan	2.0	2.0	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	2.1	0.1	2.5	7.3	-4.7	1.1	1.0	0.9	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	-1.6	0.4
Feb	2.7	2.2	-0.9	0.7	1.2	2.0	-0.4	2.3	7.4	-5.8	1.5	-0.1	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	-0.9	0.2
Mar	1.8	2.3	-0.5	0.8	1.5	1.5	-0.5	-0.1	3.4	-8.1	1.3	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.7	0.7	-1.8	-2.1	-2.1	-1.2	-0.1
Apr	2.3	4.0	1.0	0.3	1.8	1.3	1.2	0.7	4.4	-3.4	1.8	0.4	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.4	0.3
May	2.7	3.1	0.6	0.1	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.9	5.6	-5.4	1.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.4	0.5	-0.9	-0.2
Jun	2.1	2.5	0.5	-1.1	0.9	-0.4	1.0	2.0	1.1	-7.7	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.2	-1.1	-0.3	0.5	-3.0	-2.7	-0.3
Jul	3.0	3.6	1.0	-0.8	1.7	-1.4	1.2	-0.9	0.9	-0.1	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.4	-1.2	0.7	-1.2	1.0	4.2	0.2
Aug	1.6	2.3	0.8	-0.8	2.8	0.1	0.4	-0.4	3.2	-1.2	1.5	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.9	1.5	-0.4	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.6
Sep	1.0	2.7	0.2	0.9	1.8	-0.6	-2.5	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.1	0.7	-0.7	-0.2	-1.9	-0.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.4
Oct	2.7	2.4	0.8	2.6	2.0	-1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.6	-3.1	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.5	-1.9	0.3
Nov	3.9	3.3	-0.4	3.6	1.9	-0.6	0.3	-0.9	-2.4	-2.6	1.5	0.4	0.7	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.1
Dec	4.3	4.0	0.7	4.0	1.4	-0.6	-2.5	-1.5	0.0	-3.0	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.7	-0.2	0.4	-0.6	0.8	1.9	-0.2	0.2
1997 Jan	3.2	2.3	0.5	4.8	1.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.4	-2.7	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.8	-0.1	0.3	1.4	0.8	-1.7	2.0	0.0
Feb	2.3	2.3	1.5	3.5	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.5	-3.8	1.5	0.6	-0.7	0.2	0.8	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
Mar	1.3	2.2	1.3	2.2	1.1	0.8	-2.4	3.0	0.9	1.8	1.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.1	-1.1	0.9	0.8	-1.5	0.8	2.4	-0.3	0.4
Apr	1.3	1.4	2.4	2.8	1.1	0.8	-0.5	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	1.1	0.3	0.2	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	2.4	-1.4	-0.2	-0.6	0.2
May	1.4	2.9	3.1	2.3	2.2	0.9	-1.5	0.7	-1.9	-1.8	1.7	0.1	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.3	-1.1	0.7	-0.8	-1.2	0.4
Jun	2.0	3.1	3.5	3.7	2.7	2.8	1.3	1.2	2.2	2.5	2.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.9	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.4
Jul																						
Aug																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Jun96	2.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.3	0.3	1.4	4.9	-5.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.1
Jan-Jun97	1.9	2.4	2.0	3.2	1.4	0.6	-0.6	1.0	-0.9	0.7	1.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

5 Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual											Unemployment Rates* by Province, June 1997																			
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	%																			
1987	12.0	9.7	7.4	7.4	6.1	10.3	13.1	12.4	13.1	18.0	8.9																				
1988	10.3	8.1	7.5	7.9	5.0	9.4	12.0	10.2	12.8	16.4	7.8																				
1989	9.1	7.3	7.5	7.6	5.1	9.3	12.4	9.9	14.0	15.7	7.5																				
1990	8.4	7.0	7.0	7.3	6.3	10.2	12.1	10.6	14.9	17.0	8.1																				
1991	10.0	8.3	7.3	8.9	9.6	12.0	12.8	12.0	17.0	18.3	10.4																				
1992	10.5	9.5	8.2	9.7	10.9	12.8	12.8	13.1	17.9	20.2	11.3																				
1993	9.7	9.7	8.0	9.3	10.6	13.2	12.5	14.6	18.1	20.1	11.2																				
1994	9.4	8.6	7.0	9.2	9.6	12.2	12.5	13.3	17.2	20.4	10.4																				
1995	9.0	7.8	6.9	7.5	8.7	11.3	11.5	12.1	14.7	18.3	9.5																				
1996	8.9	7.0	6.6	7.5	9.1	11.8	11.7	12.6	14.5	19.4	9.7																				
												*Seasonally adjusted																			
												Seasonally Adjusted																			
												BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN									
1996	Jan	10.3	8.2	8.1	9.1	9.5	12.3	12.6	12.7	17.3	20.6	10.5	9.1	7.6	7.1	8.0	8.9	11.1	11.3	11.6	13.7	19.9	9.6								
	Feb	9.4	8.1	8.0	8.4	9.6	12.5	12.3	12.8	18.2	21.4	10.4	8.5	7.7	7.0	7.6	9.0	11.4	11.4	12.0	13.8	20.6	9.6								
	Mar	9.0	7.5	8.3	8.1	9.8	12.6	12.1	14.6	18.5	20.9	10.4	8.5	7.1	7.2	7.3	8.9	11.1	10.5	12.9	14.1	18.9	9.4								
	Apr	8.5	7.1	7.5	8.2	9.0	11.7	12.6	14.8	19.2	21.6	9.8	8.4	6.8	6.6	7.4	9.0	11.3	10.9	13.4	14.8	19.6	9.5								
	May	8.6	7.4	6.6	7.8	9.3	10.4	11.0	12.7	11.5	21.6	9.5	8.7	7.2	6.8	7.7	9.1	10.9	10.3	12.2	13.7	19.1	9.4								
	Jun	8.4	7.0	6.3	7.2	9.3	11.0	10.9	11.7	10.8	21.3	9.5	8.9	7.4	7.2	8.0	9.5	11.9	11.5	12.2	15.5	20.8	10.0								
	Jul	8.1	7.6	7.1	7.8	9.7	11.7	11.1	12.3	12.8	18.1	9.8	8.2	6.9	6.8	8.1	9.2	12.6	11.6	12.4	14.9	19.0	9.9								
	Aug	8.9	6.9	6.0	7.3	8.7	11.2	10.2	12.4	10.6	16.8	9.3	9.1	6.7	6.1	7.0	8.6	11.9	11.5	12.8	14.1	17.8	9.5								
	Sep	8.4	6.4	5.1	5.8	8.5	11.5	10.6	11.8	10.9	16.6	9.1	9.3	7.2	6.0	6.8	9.2	12.6	12.2	13.5	13.8	19.0	10.0								
	Oct	9.0	6.4	4.6	5.9	8.3	11.9	11.7	11.8	12.6	18.3	9.2	9.7	7.1	5.8	7.1	9.1	12.5	12.9	13.1	15.0	19.9	10.0								
	Nov	9.3	6.2	5.7	7.4	8.4	12.6	12.4	12.1	16.0	17.4	9.6	9.4	6.4	5.9	7.8	9.2	12.7	13.0	12.9	15.6	18.9	10.0								
	Dec	8.5	5.8	5.8	7.1	8.4	12.4	12.9	12.0	17.8	19.0	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.9	7.5	9.1	12.1	13.3	12.9	15.9	20.4	9.7								
1997	Jan	9.0	7.4	7.2	8.2	9.6	13.5	14.5	14.0	20.0	21.4	10.6	8.0	6.9	6.3	7.1	9.0	12.2	13.0	13.0	16.2	20.4	9.7								
	Feb	9.4	7.2	7.0	7.4	9.7	13.0	14.7	14.6	20.5	20.9	10.5	8.6	6.8	6.2	6.7	9.1	11.9	13.4	13.5	16.0	20.0	9.7								
	Mar	8.8	6.4	7.4	7.7	9.6	12.4	15.4	14.4	20.6	20.3	10.2	8.4	6.2	6.2	7.0	8.8	11.2	13.6	12.8	16.0	18.7	9.3								
	Apr	9.3	6.5	7.1	7.3	9.0	11.9	15.6	14.8	20.7	21.2	9.9	9.1	6.3	6.2	6.6	9.0	11.6	13.6	13.3	16.0	19.1	9.6								
	May	8.7	6.0	5.6	6.7	8.8	11.5	14.2	13.8	13.7	23.3	9.5	8.8	5.8	5.9	6.7	8.5	12.0	13.7	13.4	15.9	20.5	9.5								
	Jun	8.1	5.3	5.2	6.2	8.5	10.4	12.5	11.7	10.4	19.6	8.8	8.5	5.6	6.0	6.8	8.5	11.2	12.8	12.3	14.9	18.8	9.1								
	Jul																														
	Aug																														
	Sep																														
	Oct																														
	Nov																														
	Dec																														
Average:	Jan-Jun96	9.0	7.6	7.5	8.1	9.4	11.8	11.9	13.2	15.9	21.2	10.0	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.7	9.1	11.3	11.0	12.4	14.3	19.8	9.6								
	Jan-Jun97	8.9	6.5	6.6	7.3	9.2	12.1	14.5	13.9	17.7	21.1	9.9	8.6	6.3	6.1	6.8	8.8	11.7	13.4	13.1	15.8	19.6	9.5								



6a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1987	140	431	214	799	35	49	21	104	129	325	133	592	26	43	15	85	270	756	347	1,390	61	92	35	189
1988	141	447	220	821	27	41	21	89	131	346	139	624	23	40	14	77	272	794	359	1,444	50	82	35	166
1989	146	468	233	858	26	37	19	82	141	370	149	666	18	38	15	71	287	838	382	1,524	43	75	34	153
1990	138	481	235	868	23	41	14	79	140	386	160	693	19	35	11	64	278	867	395	1,561	42	76	25	142
1991	136	479	245	875	29	54	19	103	135	402	167	711	20	40	14	74	271	881	412	1,585	49	94	33	176
1992	133	483	254	885	32	56	22	110	138	410	181	735	21	42	16	80	271	893	435	1,619	53	98	37	190
1993	142	500	265	920	28	49	23	100	131	416	190	745	19	41	19	79	273	916	456	1,666	47	90	42	179
1994	143	506	279	946	30	52	25	107	137	432	209	787	19	40	14	73	279	938	488	1,733	49	92	39	180
1995	141	515	293	963	28	50	20	98	135	435	221	799	21	39	16	76	276	951	515	1,762	48	88	36	173
1996	131	528	309	986	27	49	21	98	131	453	229	820	20	42	17	78	262	981	538	1,806	47	90	37	176
1996 Jan	124	512	295	948	31	63	23	118	117	434	222	781	21	42	17	80	241	946	517	1,729	52	106	40	198
Feb	125	511	300	954	31	54	20	105	120	440	221	788	17	44	13	74	245	950	521	1,742	48	98	34	180
Mar	122	521	304	965	26	53	22	101	123	445	227	801	18	42	14	74	245	966	530	1,766	44	95	36	175
Apr	123	522	303	968	25	51	20	95	127	452	228	815	19	38	14	71	250	974	531	1,783	44	88	33	167
May	137	525	301	982	27	53	23	104	139	459	232	836	16	36	14	67	276	984	533	1,818	43	89	37	171
Jun	144	528	309	1,000	25	49	22	97	139	460	234	839	21	36	14	71	283	989	543	1,838	46	85	36	168
Jul	157	544	317	1,037	26	42	16	85	142	455	229	831	23	40	18	80	299	999	546	1,867	49	81	34	165
Aug	150	540	318	1,023	27	44	17	89	144	452	231	832	25	47	21	93	294	991	549	1,856	52	91	37	182
Sep	122	535	316	989	22	38	18	80	125	462	234	828	22	45	18	87	247	997	549	1,817	44	84	36	166
Oct	121	541	319	997	28	43	20	94	129	460	234	831	20	49	18	88	251	1,001	553	1,828	48	92	39	182
Nov	122	534	313	984	30	46	25	102	129	457	230	827	19	44	20	83	252	991	543	1,811	49	90	45	185
Dec	124	526	316	981	29	47	25	101	134	463	228	835	15	36	17	69	258	988	543	1,816	44	83	41	170
1997 Jan	121	524	311	971	34	48	20	101	127	454	222	813	17	40	18	74	248	978	533	1,784	50	88	37	176
Feb	120	525	315	974	31	49	22	102	130	444	226	808	19	44	20	84	250	968	540	1,782	49	93	42	186
Mar	126	528	308	975	29	46	23	98	130	451	225	814	21	35	18	75	256	978	533	1,789	49	82	41	173
Apr	127	520	313	975	29	56	22	107	132	460	232	832	23	38	17	78	259	980	545	1,807	52	93	39	185
May	137	537	316	1,004	33	45	21	100	134	461	238	839	21	35	18	75	271	997	554	1,844	54	80	39	175
Jun	140	534	326	1,016	25	47	18	90	139	463	249	859	23	34	17	75	279	998	575	1,875	48	81	35	165
Jul																								
Aug																								
Sep																								
Oct																								
Nov																								
Dec																								
Average:																								
Jan-Jun96	129	520	302	969	27	54	22	103	128	449	227	810	19	40	14	73	257	968	529	1,779	46	93	36	176
Jan-Jun97	129	528	315	986	30	48	21	100	132	455	232	828	20	38	18	77	261	983	547	1,813	50	86	39	177

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

6b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1987	75.3	95.7	79.9	76.7	19.8	10.1	8.8	11.6	69.1	74.3	50.6	56.1	16.9	11.8	10.0	12.5	72.2	85.0	65.3	66.3	18.4	10.8	9.3	12.0
1988	73.9	95.1	79.6	75.8	16.1	8.4	8.5	9.8	69.6	75.6	51.7	57.0	14.7	10.4	9.2	11.0	71.8	85.4	65.8	66.3	15.4	9.3	8.8	10.3
1989	76.6	95.3	81.1	76.5	15.0	7.2	7.6	8.7	72.7	77.2	53.8	58.6	11.2	9.4	8.9	9.6	74.7	86.2	67.6	67.4	13.1	8.2	8.1	9.1
1990	72.1	95.2	77.5	75.1	14.4	7.9	5.7	8.3	72.4	77.0	54.7	58.6	11.7	8.2	6.2	8.4	72.2	86.1	66.3	66.7	13.1	8.0	5.9	8.4
1991	72.9	94.8	79.6	75.5	17.7	10.1	7.2	10.5	69.6	78.8	56.1	59.1	12.7	9.0	7.7	9.4	71.3	86.8	68.0	67.2	15.3	9.6	7.4	10.0
1992	71.3	94.1	79.4	74.7	19.4	10.4	7.9	11.1	70.0	78.8	58.2	59.6	13.4	9.4	8.0	9.8	70.6	86.5	69.0	67.0	16.4	9.9	7.9	10.5
1993	71.1	93.8	79.3	74.4	16.3	9.0	7.9	9.8	64.3	77.7	59.2	58.5	12.7	9.0	8.9	9.6	67.7	85.8	69.4	66.3	14.6	9.0	8.4	9.7
1994	70.7	93.0	79.7	74.5	17.3	9.3	8.1	10.2	64.8	78.1	60.3	59.1	12.0	8.5	6.2	8.5	67.8	85.5	70.1	66.7	14.8	8.9	7.3	9.4
1995	68.0	92.4	79.0	73.0	16.4	8.8	6.3	9.2	64.2	76.7	61.3	58.5	13.3	8.1	6.7	8.6	66.1	84.5	70.2	65.7	14.9	8.5	6.5	9.0
1996	62.8	92.5	79.9	72.6	17.2	8.4	6.3	9.0	61.2	78.5	60.7	58.6	13.0	8.4	6.7	8.7	62.0	85.5	70.4	65.5	15.2	8.4	6.5	8.9
1996 Jan	62.1	93.1	78.4	72.3	20.1	11.0	7.3	11.1	56.7	76.3	60.3	56.8	15.2	8.9	7.1	9.3	59.4	84.7	69.5	64.5	17.8	10.0	7.2	10.3
Feb	62.2	91.3	78.7	71.7	19.6	9.6	6.2	10.0	56.3	77.3	59.0	56.8	12.5	9.0	5.7	8.6	59.3	84.3	69.0	64.1	16.3	9.4	6.0	9.4
Mar	59.1	92.6	79.8	72.0	17.5	9.3	6.8	9.5	57.8	77.7	60.1	57.5	12.9	8.5	5.6	8.4	58.4	85.1	70.1	64.7	15.3	8.9	6.3	9.0
Apr	58.9	92.2	78.7	71.6	16.6	8.8	6.1	9.0	59.5	78.1	60.4	58.1	13.2	7.7	5.7	8.0	59.2	85.1	69.7	64.8	14.9	8.3	5.9	8.5
May	65.2	93.0	78.8	73.0	16.5	9.1	7.1	9.6	63.2	78.7	61.2	59.1	10.3	7.2	5.8	7.4	64.2	85.8	70.1	66.0	13.5	8.2	6.5	8.6
Jun	67.2	92.7	80.1	73.6	14.8	8.5	6.5	8.8	65.2	79.0	61.6	59.5	12.9	7.3	5.7	7.8	66.3	85.8	71.0	66.4	13.9	7.9	6.2	8.4
Jul	72.7	93.8	80.5	75.0	14.2	7.1	4.9	7.6	67.1	78.3	60.9	59.3	13.8	8.0	7.1	8.8	69.9	86.0	70.8	67.1	14.0	7.5	5.8	8.1
Aug	70.1	93.4	80.8	74.3	15.3	7.6	5.0	8.0	68.6	78.8	61.8	60.1	14.6	9.4	8.2	10.0	69.4	86.1	71.4	67.1	15.0	8.4	6.4	8.9
Sep	56.8	91.6	80.1	71.2	15.4	6.7	5.4	7.5	59.5	80.1	61.8	59.3	14.8	9.0	7.3	9.5	58.1	85.8	71.0	65.2	15.1	7.7	6.2	8.4
Oct	58.9	93.1	81.3	72.4	18.9	7.4	6.0	8.6	60.5	80.3	61.7	59.5	13.3	9.7	7.2	9.6	59.7	86.7	71.6	65.9	16.1	8.5	6.5	9.0
Nov	60.0	92.3	80.6	72.0	19.8	7.9	7.4	9.4	59.8	79.0	60.8	58.8	12.6	8.8	7.9	9.1	59.9	85.6	70.8	65.3	16.3	8.3	7.6	9.3
Dec	60.0	91.1	81.0	71.6	18.6	8.2	7.2	9.3	60.3	78.6	59.3	58.3	10.1	7.3	6.8	7.6	60.1	84.8	70.2	64.8	14.4	7.8	7.0	8.5
1997 Jan	60.5	90.9	78.6	70.8	21.8	8.3	6.0	9.4	58.0	77.7	57.9	57.1	11.5	8.1	7.4	8.4	59.3	84.3	68.3	63.9	16.8	8.2	6.6	9.0
Feb	58.9	91.1	79.7	70.9	20.3	8.5	6.6	9.5	60.1	76.6	59.3	57.3	12.7	9.0	8.2	9.4	59.5	83.8	69.6	64.0	16.5	8.7	7.3	9.4
Mar	60.4	91.1	77.9	70.6	18.4	8.1	6.8	9.1	60.7	76.3	58.4	57.0	13.7	7.3	7.4	8.4	60.5	83.7	68.3	63.7	16.0	7.7	7.1	8.8
Apr	60.9	91.3	78.6	71.0	18.6	9.6	6.4	9.9	62.2	78.0	59.6	58.2	14.7	7.6	6.9	8.6	61.6	84.6	69.2	64.5	16.6	8.7	6.6	9.3
May	66.5	92.1	79.0	72.4	19.5	7.7	6.2	9.1	62.1	77.6	61.1	58.4	13.5	7.0	7.1	8.2	64.3	84.8	70.1	65.3	16.7	7.4	6.6	8.7
Jun	64.4	92.0	80.1	72.3	15.3	8.0	5.2	8.1	64.8	77.8	63.2	59.5	14.1	6.8	6.4	8.0	64.6	84.9	71.7	65.8	14.7	7.5	5.7	8.1
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Average:																								
Jan-Jun96	62.5	92.5	79.1	72.4	17.5	9.4	6.7	9.7	59.8	77.9	60.4	58.0	12.8	8.1	5.9	8.3	61.1	85.1	69.9	65.1	15.3	8.8	6.4	9.0
Jan-Jun97	61.9	91.4	79.0	71.3	19.0	8.4	6.2	9.2	61.3	77.3	59.9	57.9	13.4	7.6	7.2	8.5	61.6	84.4	69.5	64.5	16.2	8.0	6.7	8.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

7 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1987	717	82	799	10.2	409	183	592	31.0	1,126	265	1,390	19.1
1988	742	79	821	9.6	426	197	624	31.6	1,168	276	1,444	19.1
1989	777	81	858	9.4	478	188	666	28.2	1,255	269	1,524	17.6
1990	785	84	868	9.6	497	197	693	28.4	1,281	280	1,561	17.9
1991	782	92	875	10.6	495	215	711	30.3	1,278	308	1,585	19.4
1992	788	97	885	11.0	517	218	735	29.7	1,304	315	1,619	19.5
1993	822	99	920	10.7	519	226	745	30.4	1,341	325	1,666	19.5
1994	838	107	946	11.4	535	252	787	32.0	1,374	359	1,733	20.7
1995	858	105	963	10.9	555	244	799	30.5	1,413	349	1,762	19.8
1996	880	106	986	10.8	564	256	820	31.2	1,444	362	1,806	20.1
3-month moving average, seasonally adjusted, ending in:												
1996 Jan	861	105	967	10.9	547	257	803	31.9	1,408	362	1,770	20.5
Feb	865	105	970	10.9	550	258	807	31.9	1,415	363	1,778	20.4
Mar	874	102	976	10.5	553	257	810	31.7	1,427	359	1,786	20.1
Apr	875	103	978	10.5	559	254	813	31.2	1,435	356	1,791	19.9
May	876	103	979	10.5	564	253	817	31.0	1,440	356	1,796	19.8
Jun	874	106	980	10.8	566	252	818	30.8	1,440	358	1,798	19.9
Jul	880	106	987	10.8	566	252	819	30.8	1,447	358	1,805	19.9
Aug	885	106	991	10.7	566	251	817	30.7	1,451	357	1,808	19.8
Sep	886	105	991	10.6	568	250	817	30.5	1,453	355	1,809	19.6
Oct	882	105	987	10.6	571	252	822	30.6	1,453	356	1,809	19.7
Nov	881	107	989	10.9	571	257	828	31.0	1,452	365	1,817	20.1
Dec	885	111	995	11.1	570	266	836	31.8	1,455	376	1,831	20.5
1997 Jan	885	113	998	11.3	572	268	839	31.9	1,457	381	1,838	20.7
Feb	885	114	999	11.4	568	270	839	32.2	1,453	384	1,837	20.9
Mar	882	113	995	11.4	565	269	834	32.3	1,447	383	1,829	20.9
Apr	879	112	992	11.3	558	274	832	32.9	1,437	386	1,823	21.2
May	883	110	993	11.0	556	274	830	33.0	1,439	384	1,823	21.0
Jun	888	107	995	10.7	556	276	832	33.1	1,444	382	1,827	20.9
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jun96	871	104	975	10.7	556	255	811	31.4	1,427	359	1,786	20.1
Jan-Jun97	884	111	995	11.2	562	272	834	32.6	1,446	383	1,829	20.9
% Change	1.5	7.0	2.1		1.1	6.6	2.8		1.3	6.7	2.4	

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Industry, Actual

	Total, Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Manufac- turing		Construc- tion		Total, Service Producing Industries		Transport., Communic., & Other Utilities		Trade		Finance		Personal & Comm. Service		Public Admin.		All Industries		
	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	Emp. (000)	Unemp. %	
1987	341	12.6	32	14.7	54	17.5	167	8.2	77	18.2	1,049	7.6	128	5.2	263	7.7	85	4.5	492	8.8	93	6.7	1,390	12.0	
1988	370	11.0	35	14.8	56	15.5	178	7.2	92	14.1	1,074	6.9	114	6.0	271	7.3	97	3.6	514	7.5	88	6.8	1,444	10.3	
1989	390	10.2	30	12.9	57	14.0	187	8.0	105	11.7	1,134	6.2	127	4.8	289	6.0	95	3.5	542	7.1	92	6.1	1,524	9.1	
1990	387	10.0	28	10.8	50	15.4	184	7.1	114	12.5	1,174	6.0	136	5.5	299	5.7	95	4.5	569	6.6	87	4.6	1,561	8.4	
1991	389	12.4	34	12.1	51	15.3	183	9.6	110	16.3	1,196	6.9	138	6.7	287	7.9	94	3.9	600	7.1	89	5.0	1,585	10.0	
1992	386	12.7	32	15.8	46	19.2	177	8.9	120	15.5	1,233	7.1	137	6.3	306	8.5	110	4.3	599	7.4	94	4.3	1,619	10.5	
1993	395	11.1	34	9.9	46	14.2	187	6.8	115	17.1	1,271	6.2	136	4.8	318	7.1	101	3.1	628	7.0	102	3.7	1,666	9.7	
1994	430	9.9	29	11.8	52	13.0	196	6.9	141	13.0	1,303	5.9	131	5.2	303	6.8	111	3.2	671	6.3	100	3.4	1,733	9.4	
1995	414	10.2	28	14.0	55	13.0	192	6.6	126	13.6	1,348	5.3	140	5.3	317	5.7	111	2.8	695	5.8	99	3.4	1,762	9.0	
1996	429	9.3	34	11.8	50	11.8	207	6.1	127	13.0	1,376	5.2	138	4.0	317	6.3	113	2.8	715	5.6	106	2.8	1,806	8.9	
1996 Jan	384	14.0	29	16.2	48	16.5	197	7.9	111	21.8	1,344	6.3	134	7.3	288	8.2	110	2.4	714	6.4	98	3.2	1,729	10.3	
Feb	396	11.6	30	13.4	51	11.4	195	6.5	120	18.6	1,346	5.4	132	6.0	293	7.3	108	2.3	707	5.4	107	2.6	1,742	9.4	
Mar	396	11.7	30	16.4	54	11.0	197	7.8	115	17.0	1,370	5.3	132	5.0	296	6.7	105	3.3	722	5.5	115	2.0	1,766	9.0	
Apr	402	10.6	31	11.7	50	13.8	201	7.2	120	14.4	1,381	4.8	136	3.3	294	7.5	110	1.7	726	4.9	114	1.7	1,783	8.5	
May	421	10.2	34	14.8	51	13.2	210	5.7	126	14.6	1,397	4.9	140	3.2	303	7.1	113	3.1	731	5.0	109	2.3	1,818	8.6	
Jun	432	8.6	35	12.3	52	10.7	216	5.9	129	11.2	1,406	4.9	141	3.0	318	7.3	113	3.2	731	4.8	104	3.0	1,838	8.4	
Jul	453	5.8	42	3.9	52	8.1	216	5.7	143	5.6	1,414	5.3	145	2.8	341	5.6	112	2.7	713	6.3	104	3.2	1,867	8.1	
Aug	452	6.1	39	6.9	49	11.5	226	4.6	139	6.4	1,403	5.8	145	3.0	339	5.1	115	4.5	701	7.2	104	2.7	1,856	8.9	
Sep	439	6.2	34	10.5	48	10.4	225	3.3	132	8.3	1,378	4.9	151	2.8	321	5.6	115	3.0	691	5.6	101	2.6	1,817	8.4	
Oct	435	7.5	35	11.0	53	4.8	209	6.5	138	9.2	1,393	5.3	135	4.6	336	5.7	116	3.8	704	5.6	102	3.9	1,828	9.0	
Nov	412	10.3	31	17.3	50	12.1	202	7.1	130	12.6	1,399	5.0	130	3.3	334	5.4	118	2.7	710	5.5	108	4.8	1,811	9.3	
Dec	389	11.5	33	12.6	45	18.5	189	6.2	122	15.7	1,427	4.5	133	4.3	344	4.6	116	3.3	730	4.9	105	3.0	1,816	8.5	
1997 Jan	376	11.8	29	13.0	45	16.7	179	7.9	123	14.9	1,409	4.7	139	5.1	335	5.3	114	1.5	722	5.1	99	3.0	1,784	9.0	
Feb	380	11.0	30	14.4	50	11.4	175	7.0	125	15.2	1,401	5.0	145	3.1	332	5.4	104	2.1	722	5.6	98	4.3	1,782	9.4	
Mar	381	9.7	30	18.2	49	8.7	179	5.9	123	13.1	1,408	4.7	143	4.1	328	5.2	102	1.9	743	5.4	93	1.8	1,789	8.8	
Apr	391	9.8	31	22.0	44	11.2	186	5.7	131	11.5	1,415	4.8	147	4.3	323	4.7	104	1.6	753	5.6	89	2.9	1,807	9.3	
May	406	8.0	34	20.5	53	8.3	191	3.7	128	9.9	1,437	4.5	148	3.5	324	3.4	100	0.9	774	5.7	92	3.9	1,844	8.7	
Jun	441	6.6	36	13.2	61	3.8	208	4.4	136	9.1	1,434	4.5	147	3.7	319	3.9	97	2.6	780	5.3	91	3.2	1,875	8.1	
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Jan-Jun96	405	11.1	32	14.1	51	12.8	203	6.8	120	16.2	1,374	5.3	136	4.6	299	7.3	110	2.7	722	5.3	108	2.5	1,779	9.0	
Jan-Jun97	396	9.5	31	16.9	51	10.0	186	5.8	128	12.3	1,418	4.7	145	4.0	327	4.6	103	1.8	749	5.5	94	3.2	1,813	8.9	
% Change	-2.3		-0.3		-0.8		-8.3		6.5		3.2		6.7		9.3		-6.0		3.8		-13.1		1.9		

NOTES: 1. Industry specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Industries" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Industry Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Managerial, Professional, Etc.		Clerical		Sales		Service		Group Sub-Total		Primary		Processing		Construction		Transportation		Materials Handling & Other Crafts		Group Sub-Total		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1987	403	5.0	219	7.3	152	7.3	203	11.6	975	7.3	66	20.0	153	8.9	81	16.6	65	7.7	51	9.5	415	12.3	1,390	12.0
1988	416	4.4	232	7.3	159	7.4	205	9.6	1,011	6.6	71	18.0	160	7.4	92	13.7	62	8.3	48	9.4	433	11.0	1,444	10.3
1989	442	4.1	242	6.2	154	5.8	221	10.2	1,060	6.1	66	17.3	174	6.9	108	10.4	63	8.6	53	8.9	464	9.8	1,524	9.1
1990	467	3.8	244	7.0	167	4.8	222	9.2	1,100	5.8	63	16.4	165	7.4	114	11.2	71	6.8	49	8.8	461	9.7	1,561	8.4
1991	475	4.6	249	7.3	171	6.8	230	9.5	1,125	6.6	70	16.5	161	10.2	106	15.4	75	7.9	48	12.0	460	12.3	1,585	10.0
1992	476	4.6	261	7.2	184	7.3	233	10.8	1,154	6.9	69	19.8	163	9.6	113	14.9	70	8.8	50	8.1	465	12.3	1,619	10.5
1993	525	4.0	253	6.5	186	6.6	237	9.0	1,201	6.0	69	15.7	161	8.3	114	15.1	64	7.4	58	7.8	465	11.0	1,666	9.7
1994	547	4.0	265	5.4	188	6.1	254	8.5	1,254	5.6	69	14.7	162	7.6	125	13.1	66	6.1	57	9.7	479	10.2	1,733	9.4
1995	565	3.8	265	5.3	193	5.2	266	7.4	1,288	5.1	66	15.8	164	7.0	115	14.1	75	5.3	54	9.9	473	10.2	1,762	9.0
1996	594	3.4	257	5.1	203	5.1	259	7.8	1,313	4.9	72	14.5	177	7.2	113	12.7	73	5.9	58	7.1	493	9.5	1,806	8.9
1996 Jan	574	4.2	254	6.1	188	6.7	259	9.6	1,275	6.1	58	22.1	160	7.3	103	20.0	74	8.9	59	11.3	454	13.3	1,729	10.3
Feb	578	3.0	251	5.5	193	7.4	256	8.2	1,277	5.2	62	16.1	161	7.9	111	17.4	76	6.5	55	8.3	465	11.3	1,742	9.4
Mar	593	3.6	252	5.1	193	5.9	259	7.1	1,297	5.0	65	17.1	164	8.8	112	15.8	73	7.2	56	7.9	469	11.4	1,766	9.0
Apr	600	2.6	248	5.2	201	5.0	269	7.1	1,318	4.4	66	15.9	166	9.3	104	15.1	71	5.3	58	6.6	465	10.8	1,783	8.5
May	598	3.0	262	4.2	199	5.2	269	7.8	1,328	4.6	76	15.7	173	7.5	108	15.8	76	6.1	58	5.2	490	10.3	1,818	8.6
Jun	588	3.2	262	5.0	204	5.5	278	6.6	1,331	4.6	82	12.7	175	7.6	111	11.3	78	5.0	62	6.0	507	8.7	1,838	8.4
Jul	585	3.4	264	4.7	217	4.4	264	9.2	1,330	5.0	91	5.9	195	5.5	124	7.2	72	4.1	56	8.7	538	6.1	1,867	8.1
Aug	589	4.5	259	5.7	214	4.7	257	8.1	1,319	5.5	84	9.1	198	4.6	125	7.4	73	7.3	57	7.2	536	6.6	1,856	8.9
Sep	594	3.1	262	4.9	203	5.1	244	7.6	1,303	4.7	72	11.4	190	4.3	119	8.4	77	5.0	55	6.4	514	6.7	1,817	8.4
Oct	610	3.8	258	5.0	205	4.3	245	7.4	1,318	4.8	78	11.2	183	7.9	121	8.7	69	5.6	59	7.4	510	8.2	1,828	9.0
Nov	606	3.5	256	5.0	202	4.2	254	7.8	1,318	4.7	68	19.7	182	9.3	115	10.9	69	5.7	60	3.8	494	10.2	1,811	9.3
Dec	609	3.2	256	5.0	216	3.4	258	6.7	1,338	4.3	63	20.4	177	7.8	108	14.6	69	4.8	60	5.7	478	10.6	1,816	8.5
1997 Jan	591	2.8	243	4.0	208	5.0	271	8.6	1,313	4.6	57	21.5	169	9.3	107	13.0	76	6.0	62	4.6	471	10.7	1,784	9.0
Feb	579	3.5	245	4.2	205	5.1	266	8.2	1,294	4.9	60	19.0	172	6.8	111	13.3	82	4.5	62	9.0	488	9.9	1,782	9.4
Mar	586	3.1	233	3.3	209	4.6	269	8.5	1,296	4.5	57	19.7	180	5.4	117	12.4	78	2.6	61	9.4	493	9.1	1,789	8.8
Apr	578	2.9	241	3.8	216	4.0	278	8.5	1,313	4.5	59	20.8	182	6.0	122	12.2	73	5.8	59	5.5	494	9.5	1,807	9.3
May	602	3.5	247	4.5	217	4.2	276	7.3	1,341	4.6	70	14.7	183	3.5	120	9.5	74	5.6	55	6.3	502	7.3	1,844	8.7
Jun	599	3.1	254	4.7	211	4.0	291	6.5	1,355	4.3	81	10.3	187	5.0	124	8.5	76	4.1	53	7.6	520	6.8	1,875	8.1
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Jan-Jun96	588	3.3	255	5.2	196	6.0	265	7.7	1,304	5.0	68	16.6	166	8.1	108	15.9	75	6.5	58	7.5	475	11.0	1,779	9.0
Jan-Jun97	589	3.2	244	4.1	211	4.5	275	7.9	1,319	4.6	64	17.7	179	6.0	117	11.5	76	4.8	59	7.0	495	8.9	1,813	8.9
% Change	0.1		-4.4		7.5		3.9		1.1		-5.9		7.6		8.1		2.2		1.1		4.2		1.9	

NOTES: 1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (604) 387-0374.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Labour Force 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 Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployed Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (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.

Unemployment Rate 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, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate 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, marital status, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures, except for seasonally adjusted estimates. Therefore, the sum of individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from Statistics Canada on request.

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. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations