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## Commentary

For the second consecutive month, employment edged down with a slight decline of 13,000 in March. This leaves employment 0.1% (-20,000) below the level at the start of the year. In March, the unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 7.5%.

Over the first three months of 2004, an increase of 61,000 full-time jobs partly offset a decline of 81,000 part-time jobs. This contrasts with the last four months of 2003 when employment grew sharply, mostly in full-time work.

### Continued weakness in youth employment

While youth employment was little changed in March, it is down 36,000 so far in 2004, with most of the decline occurring in February. Youth employment had shown signs of improvement towards the end of 2003, however, it has weakened since then and is now 1.6% below the level of a year ago.

For adult women, employment declined by 18,000 in March, all in part-time (-28,000). Despite this decrease, the trend is up with growth of 1.8% (+113,000) since last August when employment regained momentum. Employment gains among adult women over this period have been in full-time jobs.

In March, the number of adult men with jobs increased slightly (+11,000). Since last August, gains for adult men total 81,000 (+1.1%), with increases in full and part-time jobs. Over this period, the pace of employment growth has been slower for adult men than for adult women.

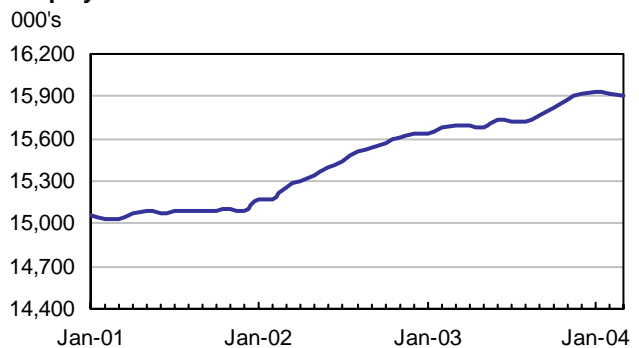
### Industry employment

Employment decreased by 20,000 in business, building and other support services, bringing declines since the start of 2004 to 28,000 (-4.4%). This recent decline follows gains totalling 43,000 (+7.2%) in the last four months of 2003. Losses in March were mainly in employment and travel services.

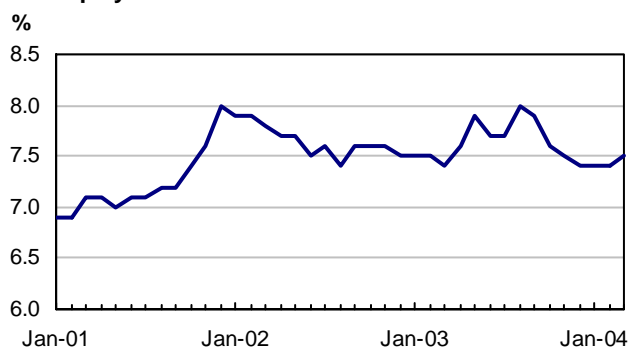
Employment fell by 19,000 in educational services, mostly in primary and secondary schools. The decline was spread across several provinces. The decrease in March offset the gain in February, leaving employment in the sector little changed from a year ago.

There were also job losses in information, culture and recreation (-14,000) in March, with the decline mainly in amusement, gambling and recreation. Despite this decrease, employment in information, culture and recreation is up 31,000 from March 2003.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



In March, employment rose by 15,000 in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing. This brings gains since June 2003, when employment growth in the sector began to accelerate, to 41,000 (+4.4%).

In March, employment in manufacturing was little changed for the fourth consecutive month, leaving losses since November 2002, when the downward trend started, at 76,000 (-3.2%).

### Job losses in Ontario

Employment in Ontario fell by 25,000 in March, mostly in business, building and other support services. The decline in this sector was mainly in employment services. There were also job losses in information, culture and recreation, mostly in amusement, gambling and recreation. Employment in manufacturing increased by 13,000 in March with gains of 25,000 (+2.3%) since last October. Despite overall employment losses in March, gains total 66,000 (+1.1%) since last August when job growth in the province regained momentum. In March, the unemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 7.1%.

Employment rose by 4,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador with the largest gains in retail sales and construction. Despite fluctuations in recent months, employment has trended up 2.2% over the last year. In March, the unemployment rate fell 1.0 percentage points to 15.5%.

In Quebec, employment was little changed for the third consecutive month. In March, employment gains in professional, scientific and technical services and slight increases in manufacturing and health care and social assistance jobs were offset by declines in a number of other sectors, most notably educational services. The unemployment rate edged down 0.2 percentage points to 8.6%.

In British Columbia, employment in March was little changed as an increase of 18,000 in full-time employment was partly offset by a decline of 13,000 part-time jobs. Despite a large decline in February, job gains since last May total 37,000 (+1.8%). In March, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.9%.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces in March.

#### **Rebound in hours worked in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

While hours worked at the national level edged down 0.1% in March, there was a substantial increase of 19.5% in Nova Scotia and 15.3% in Prince Edward Island. The strong increase in hours worked in both provinces represents a rebound from the effects of the winter storm that forced many people to miss work in February.

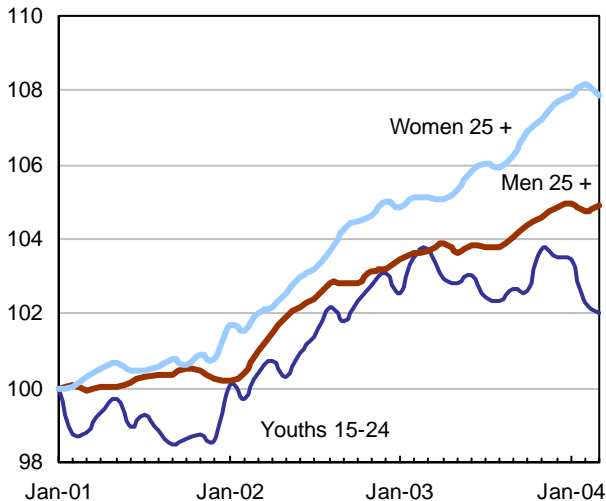
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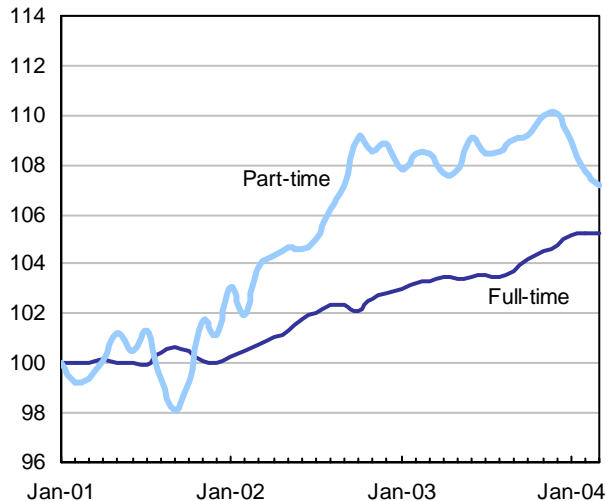
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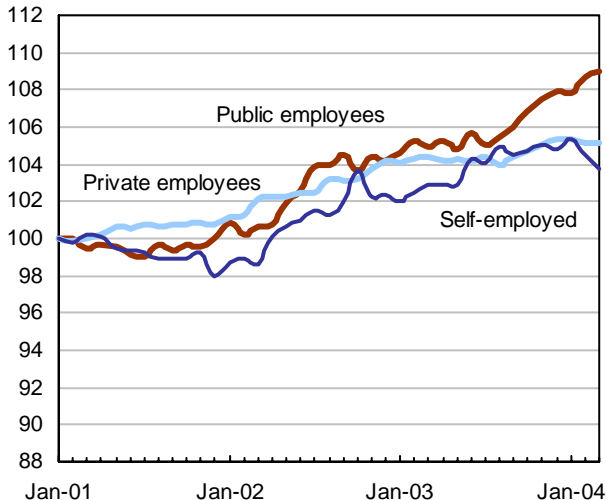
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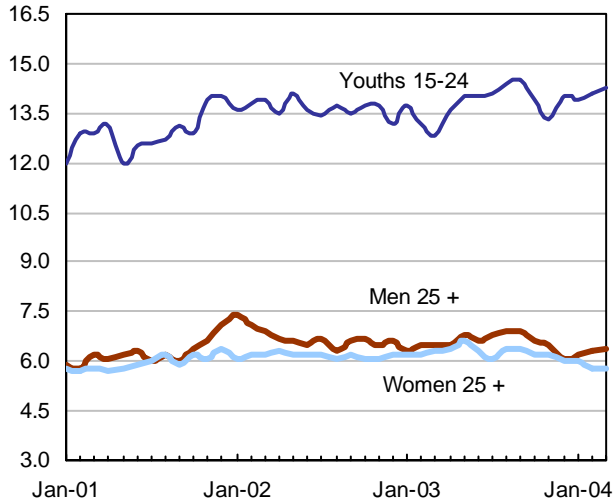
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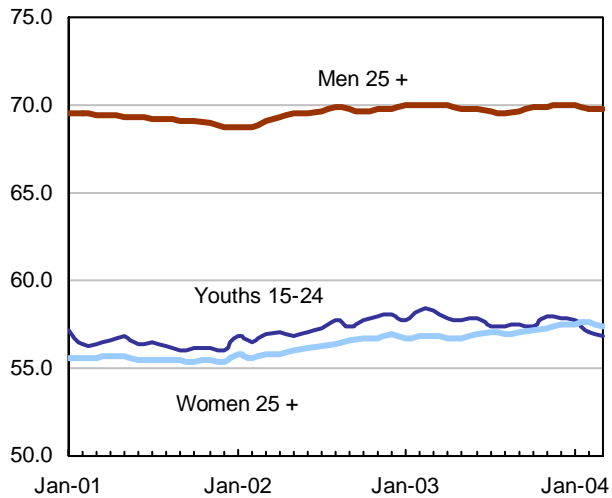
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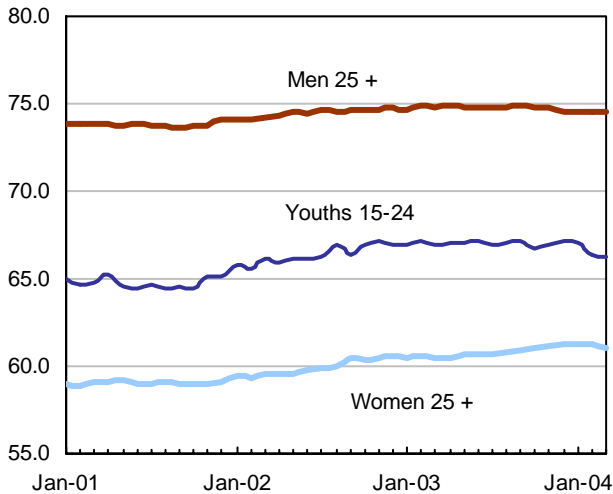
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**Employment rate (%)**



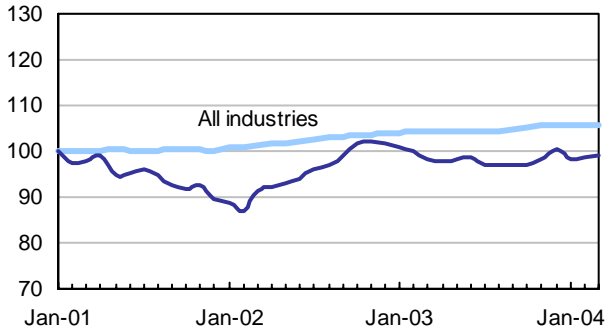
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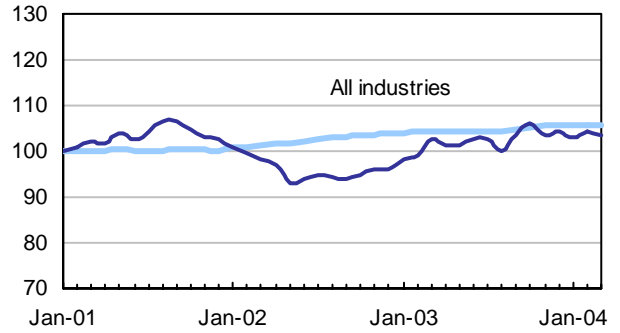


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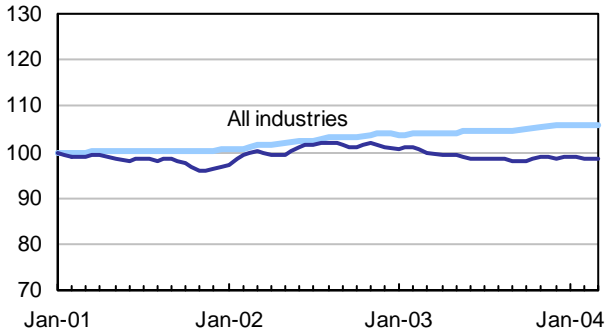
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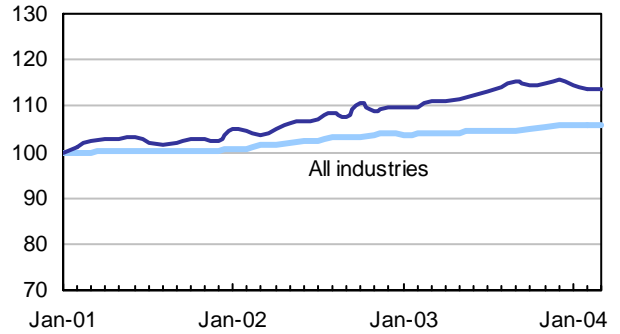
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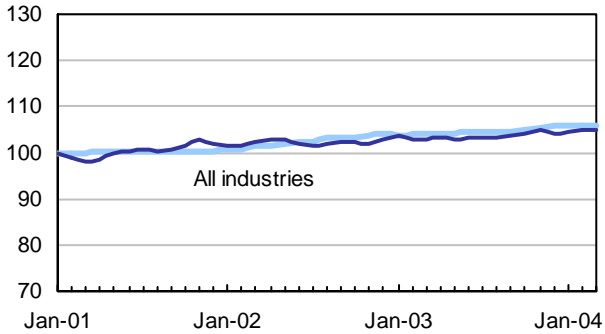
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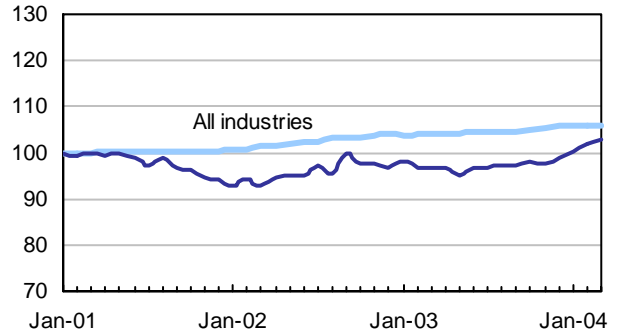
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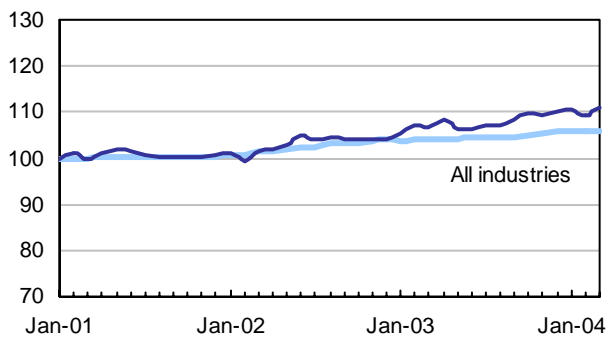
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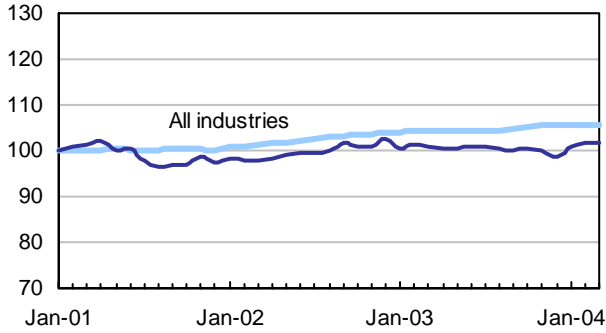


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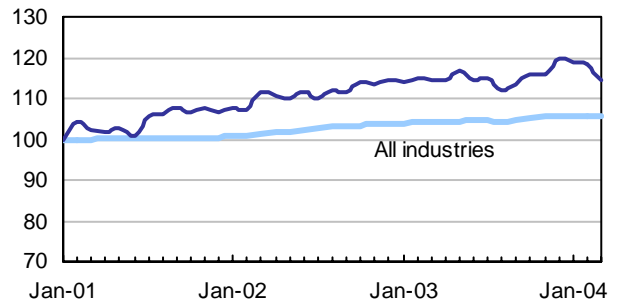


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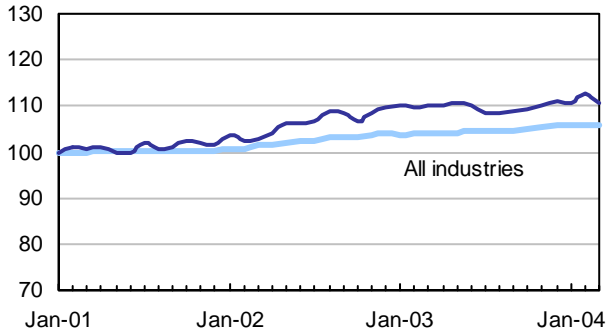
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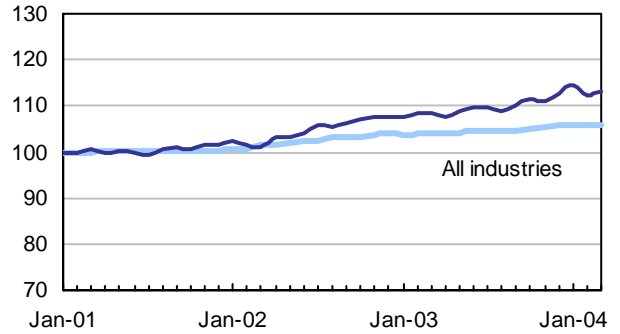
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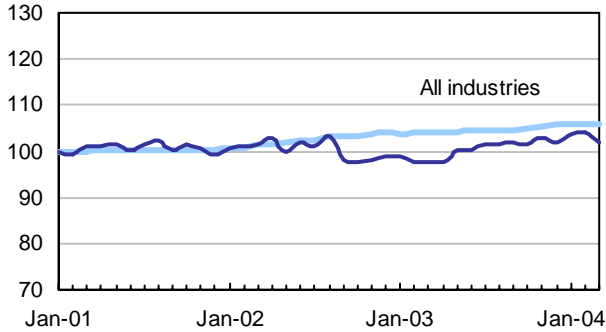
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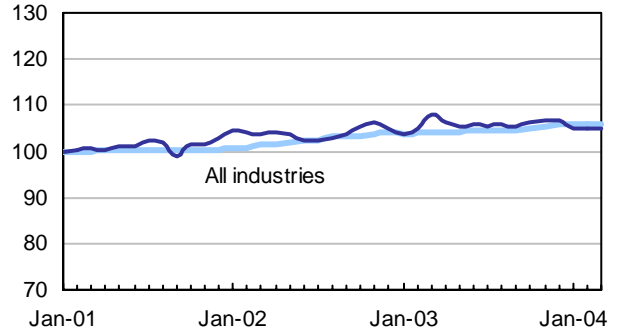
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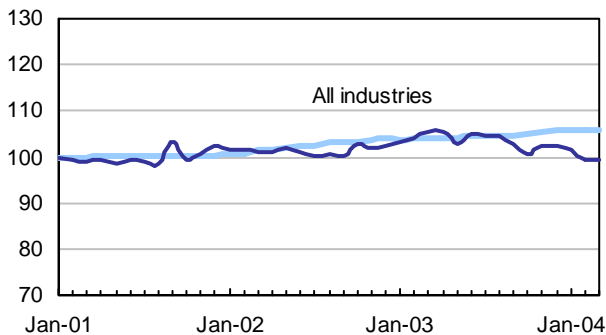
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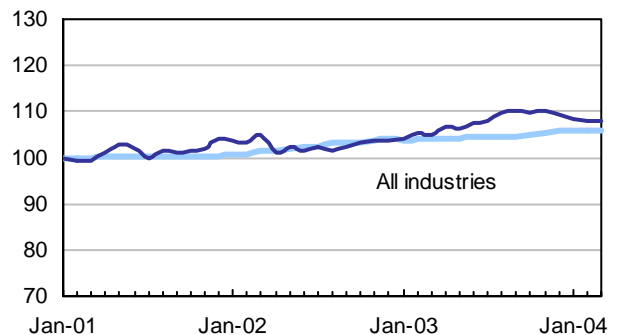
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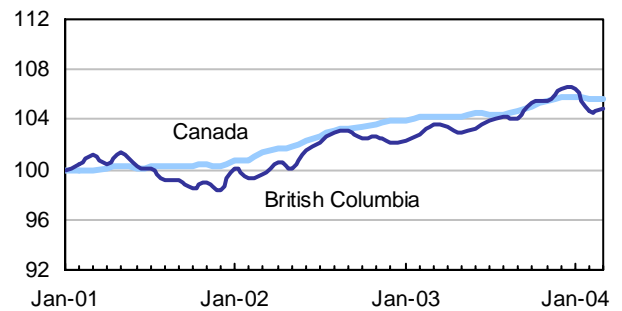
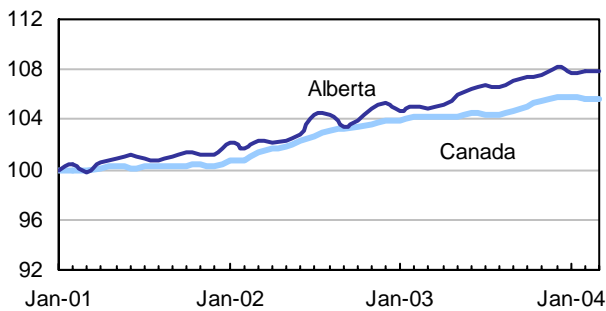
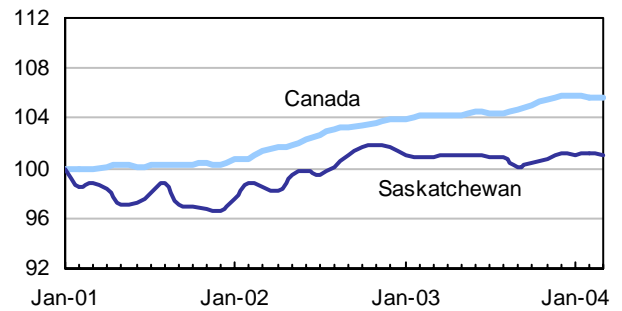
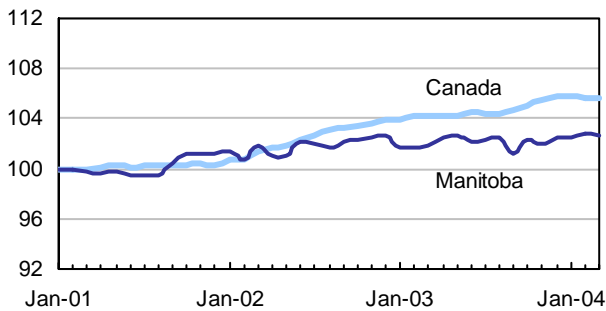
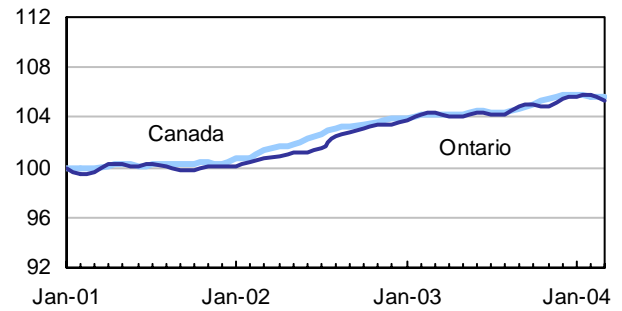
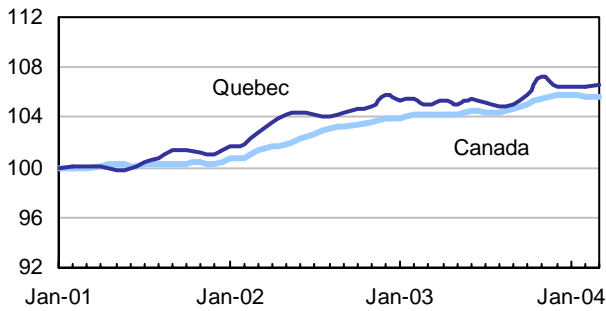
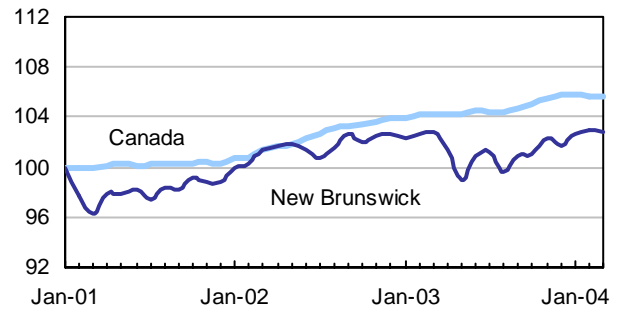
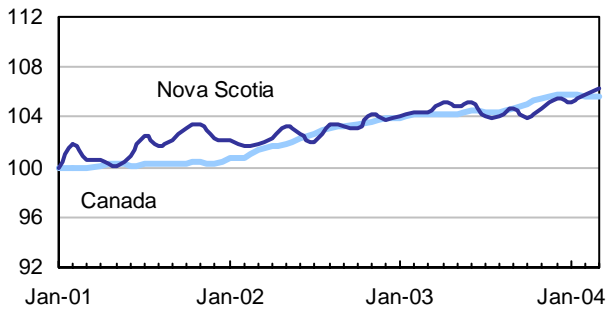
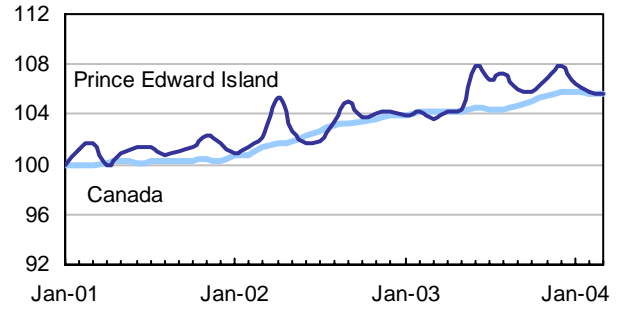
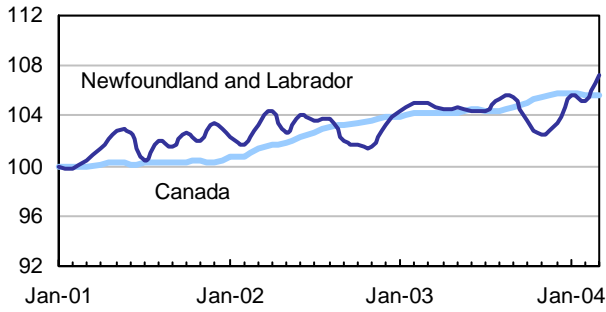
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### Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2001 = 100



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Table 1

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,465.2	25,492.9	...	27.7	89.0	347.0	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	17,180.3	17,188.1	28.2	7.8	0.7	236.9	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	15,914.4	15,901.1	29.1	-13.3	-19.6	206.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
Employment full-time	12,975.4	12,978.3	34.6	2.9	61.1	242.8	0.0	0.5	1.9
Employment part-time	2,939.0	2,922.9	30.2	-16.1	-80.5	-36.0	-0.5	-2.7	-1.2
Unemployment	1,265.9	1,287.0	23.6	21.1	20.2	30.1	1.7	1.6	2.4
Participation rate	67.5	67.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,190.1	4,193.6	...	3.5	10.5	40.7	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,781.3	2,781.8	16.3	0.5	-30.4	4.2	0.0	-1.1	0.2
Employment	2,389.3	2,383.0	15.7	-6.3	-35.8	-39.9	-0.3	-1.5	-1.6
Employment full-time	1,306.2	1,294.4	16.8	-11.8	-14.5	-33.8	-0.9	-1.1	-2.5
Employment part-time	1,083.2	1,088.6	17.3	5.4	-21.4	-6.1	0.5	-1.9	-0.6
Unemployment	392.0	398.7	13.6	6.7	5.3	44.0	1.7	1.3	12.4
Participation rate	66.4	66.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.8	0.4	-0.2	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	45.7	0.6	0.3	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,375.4	10,387.0	...	11.6	37.8	147.3	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	7,731.5	7,753.0	14.6	21.5	34.1	89.7	0.3	0.4	1.2
Employment	7,242.1	7,253.5	16.2	11.4	6.5	85.1	0.2	0.1	1.2
Employment full-time	6,784.2	6,789.4	19.5	5.2	17.1	77.1	0.1	0.3	1.1
Employment part-time	458.0	464.1	13.9	6.1	-10.6	8.0	1.3	-2.2	1.8
Unemployment	489.3	499.5	13.6	10.2	27.6	4.6	2.1	5.8	0.9
Participation rate	74.5	74.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,899.7	10,912.2	...	12.5	40.7	158.9	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	6,667.6	6,653.4	16.4	-14.2	-2.9	143.1	-0.2	0.0	2.2
Employment	6,283.0	6,264.6	16.7	-18.4	9.8	161.5	-0.3	0.2	2.6
Employment full-time	4,885.1	4,894.4	22.1	9.3	58.4	199.4	0.2	1.2	4.2
Employment part-time	1,397.9	1,370.2	19.9	-27.7	-48.5	-37.9	-2.0	-3.4	-2.7
Unemployment	384.6	388.8	13.0	4.2	-12.7	-18.4	1.1	-3.2	-4.5
Participation rate	61.2	61.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	21.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,153.3	14,162.3	...	9.0	23.2	79.4	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	12,232.5	12,257.0	20.6	24.5	29.1	137.5	0.2	0.2	1.1
Employment	11,476.9	11,492.5	22.6	15.6	18.3	147.9	0.1	0.2	1.3
Unemployment	755.6	764.5	17.9	8.9	10.9	-10.3	1.2	1.4	-1.3
Participation rate	86.4	86.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.1	81.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0087

**Table 2****Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,486.2	13,489.6	29.8	3.4	6.3	187.4	0.0	0.0	1.4
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,428.2	2,411.6	17.3	-16.6	-25.8	19.5	-0.7	-1.1	0.8
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,081.4	3,087.9	17.0	6.5	28.1	113.0	0.2	0.9	3.8
Private sector employees	10,404.8	10,401.7	29.7	-3.1	-21.8	74.4	0.0	-0.2	0.7
<b>Industry</b>	15,914.4	15,901.1	29.1	-13.3	-19.6	206.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,977.1	3,990.4	21.1	13.3	-24.9	7.8	0.3	-0.6	0.2
Agriculture	341.3	343.1	6.2	1.8	-3.4	3.7	0.5	-1.0	1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	295.6	293.3	5.5	-2.3	-2.7	2.4	-0.8	-0.9	0.8
Utilities	123.7	130.3	3.7	6.6	-0.4	-1.2	5.3	-0.3	-0.9
Construction	938.7	938.9	11.9	0.2	-18.2	23.9	0.0	-1.9	2.6
Manufacturing	2,277.7	2,284.8	16.9	7.1	-0.2	-20.9	0.3	0.0	-0.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,937.3	11,910.7	29.9	-26.6	5.3	199.0	-0.2	0.0	1.7
Trade	2,493.3	2,491.9	17.7	-1.4	14.5	48.3	-0.1	0.6	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	805.5	810.5	10.2	5.0	28.3	45.2	0.6	3.6	5.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	948.9	963.5	11.2	14.6	6.8	36.1	1.5	0.7	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,014.8	1,014.6	12.5	-0.2	30.1	10.7	0.0	3.1	1.1
Business, building and other support services	629.2	609.5	11.0	-19.7	-28.1	1.5	-3.1	-4.4	0.2
Educational services	1,077.4	1,058.3	11.4	-19.1	-2.8	6.4	-1.8	-0.3	0.6
Health care and social assistance	1,726.6	1,737.2	12.7	10.6	5.0	70.4	0.6	0.3	4.2
Information, culture and recreation	731.1	717.5	10.8	-13.6	0.5	30.5	-1.9	0.1	4.4
Accommodation and food services	1,013.7	1,011.9	12.7	-1.8	-17.6	-30.9	-0.2	-1.7	-3.0
Other services	680.6	678.9	10.5	-1.7	-20.7	-41.4	-0.2	-3.0	-5.7
Public administration	816.3	816.8	9.3	0.5	-10.8	22.0	0.1	-1.3	2.8

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

<sup>2</sup> 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**

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.8	439.9	...	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	262.3	264.4	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
Employment	219.0	223.3	2.5	4.3	7.7	4.7	2.0	3.6	2.2
Employment full-time	186.7	187.4	2.6	0.7	2.2	4.2	0.4	1.2	2.3
Employment part-time	32.3	36.0	2.0	3.7	5.6	0.6	11.5	18.4	1.7
Unemployment	43.2	41.1	2.3	-2.1	-6.1	-3.3	-4.9	-12.9	-7.4
Participation rate	59.6	60.1	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	15.5	0.8	-1.0	-2.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	50.8	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.1	114.2	...	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	78.0	78.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.4
Employment	68.9	68.8	0.7	-0.1	-1.4	1.4	-0.1	-2.0	2.1
Employment full-time	57.9	57.3	0.8	-0.6	-0.8	0.4	-1.0	-1.4	0.7
Employment part-time	11.0	11.4	0.6	0.4	-0.7	0.9	3.6	-5.8	8.6
Unemployment	9.1	9.4	0.7	0.3	1.5	-0.3	3.3	19.0	-3.1
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	12.0	0.8	0.3	1.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.2	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	763.1	763.4	...	0.3	1.4	4.9	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	486.2	487.6	3.0	1.4	5.1	8.5	0.3	1.1	1.8
Employment	440.5	442.7	3.4	2.2	3.5	8.1	0.5	0.8	1.9
Employment full-time	359.9	361.1	3.8	1.2	9.6	7.3	0.3	2.7	2.1
Employment part-time	80.6	81.5	3.3	0.9	-6.2	0.6	1.1	-7.1	0.7
Unemployment	45.7	44.9	2.7	-0.8	1.6	0.5	-1.8	3.7	1.1
Participation rate	63.7	63.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.2	0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	58.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	611.1	611.3	...	0.2	0.7	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	387.7	388.8	2.6	1.1	4.6	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.1
Employment	350.9	350.2	2.6	-0.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.1
Employment full-time	295.9	294.9	2.9	-1.0	1.6	1.8	-0.3	0.5	0.6
Employment part-time	55.1	55.3	2.2	0.2	2.6	-1.6	0.4	4.9	-2.8
Unemployment	36.7	38.6	2.3	1.9	0.5	0.1	5.2	1.3	0.3
Participation rate	63.4	63.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.9	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.3	0.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,123.6	6,128.4	...	4.8	16.3	63.0	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	4,037.6	4,033.0	15.6	-4.6	-28.8	45.4	-0.1	-0.7	1.1
Employment	3,681.6	3,686.1	16.3	4.5	4.2	56.2	0.1	0.1	1.5
Employment full-time	2,994.9	2,995.8	19.0	0.9	21.9	28.2	0.0	0.7	1.0
Employment part-time	686.7	690.3	16.2	3.6	-17.7	28.0	0.5	-2.5	4.2
Unemployment	356.0	346.9	13.8	-9.1	-33.0	-10.8	-2.6	-8.7	-3.0
Participation rate	65.9	65.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,886.0	9,899.9	...	13.9	42.6	168.2	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	6,755.5	6,763.3	18.2	7.8	27.1	97.0	0.1	0.4	1.5
Employment	6,308.3	6,283.8	18.5	-24.5	-2.0	57.8	-0.4	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	5,183.5	5,167.4	22.1	-16.1	21.2	84.0	-0.3	0.4	1.7
Employment part-time	1,124.8	1,116.4	19.5	-8.4	-23.3	-26.2	-0.7	-2.0	-2.3
Unemployment	447.3	479.5	15.0	32.2	29.1	39.2	7.2	6.5	8.9
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	873.5	874.3	...	0.8	2.4	9.0	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	601.9	601.4	2.7	-0.5	0.6	5.2	-0.1	0.1	0.9
Employment	573.0	571.7	2.9	-1.3	1.1	4.5	-0.2	0.2	0.8
Employment full-time	462.9	464.1	3.6	1.2	2.8	12.5	0.3	0.6	2.8
Employment part-time	110.0	107.5	3.3	-2.5	-1.8	-8.1	-2.3	-1.6	-7.0
Unemployment	29.0	29.8	2.2	0.8	-0.5	0.8	2.8	-1.7	2.8
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	756.9	757.0	...	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	517.8	518.8	2.6	1.0	1.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment	488.4	487.5	2.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Employment full-time	396.4	392.9	3.2	-3.5	0.5	-3.0	-0.9	0.1	-0.8
Employment part-time	92.1	94.6	2.9	2.5	-1.5	3.4	2.7	-1.6	3.7
Unemployment	29.3	31.4	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	7.2	7.2	7.2
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,500.6	2,504.2	...	3.6	10.5	47.7	0.1	0.4	1.9
Labour force	1,842.9	1,837.6	7.6	-5.3	-3.1	47.1	-0.3	-0.2	2.6
Employment	1,747.7	1,746.0	8.1	-1.7	-5.5	48.2	-0.1	-0.3	2.8
Employment full-time	1,438.4	1,440.3	10.3	1.9	6.6	52.4	0.1	0.5	3.8
Employment part-time	309.4	305.7	9.1	-3.7	-12.1	-4.1	-1.2	-3.8	-1.3
Unemployment	95.1	91.6	5.7	-3.5	2.4	-1.1	-3.7	2.7	-1.2
Participation rate	73.7	73.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,396.5	3,400.2	...	3.7	13.3	49.2	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	2,210.5	2,215.0	11.1	4.5	-7.6	28.6	0.2	-0.3	1.3
Employment	2,036.0	2,041.1	11.4	5.1	-30.3	25.4	0.3	-1.5	1.3
Employment full-time	1,598.6	1,616.7	13.7	18.1	-4.8	55.0	1.1	-0.3	3.5
Employment part-time	437.5	424.4	12.0	-13.1	-25.5	-29.5	-3.0	-5.7	-6.5
Unemployment	174.4	173.9	9.0	-0.5	22.8	3.2	-0.3	15.1	1.9
Participation rate	65.1	65.1	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.9	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.3	0.1	-1.2	-0.2	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.8	439.9	...	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	262.3	264.4	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
Employment	219.0	223.3	2.5	4.3	7.7	4.7	2.0	3.6	2.2
Employment full-time	186.7	187.4	2.6	0.7	2.2	4.2	0.4	1.2	2.3
Unemployment	43.2	41.1	2.3	-2.1	-6.1	-3.3	-4.9	-12.9	-7.4
Participation rate	59.6	60.1	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	15.5	0.8	-1.0	-2.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	50.8	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.7	16.1	0.9	1.4	2.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	72.4	72.2	...	-0.2	-0.3	-1.8	-0.3	-0.4	-2.4
Labour force	39.5	39.5	1.3	0.0	-0.2	-2.2	0.0	-0.5	-5.3
Employment	29.3	29.7	1.3	0.4	1.5	-2.0	1.4	5.3	-6.3
Unemployment	10.2	9.8	1.1	-0.4	-1.7	-0.2	-3.9	-14.8	-2.0
Participation rate	54.6	54.7	1.8	0.1	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	25.8	24.8	2.5	-1.0	-4.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.5	41.1	1.7	0.6	2.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.1	50.5	3.6	4.4	12.6	5.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	179.2	179.3	...	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	119.0	120.8	1.5	1.8	2.7	1.7	1.5	2.3	1.4
Employment	99.2	103.6	1.5	4.4	5.8	4.1	4.4	5.9	4.1
Unemployment	19.8	17.1	1.5	-2.7	-3.2	-2.5	-13.6	-15.8	-12.8
Participation rate	66.4	67.4	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.6	14.2	1.2	-2.4	-3.0	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	57.8	0.8	2.4	3.2	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.4	0.9	0.2	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.2	188.4	...	0.2	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.7
Labour force	103.8	104.2	1.3	0.4	-0.9	2.0	0.4	-0.9	2.0
Employment	90.5	90.0	1.4	-0.5	0.4	2.6	-0.6	0.4	3.0
Unemployment	13.3	14.1	1.2	0.8	-1.4	-0.7	6.0	-9.0	-4.7
Participation rate	55.2	55.3	0.7	0.1	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	13.5	1.1	0.7	-1.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.1	47.8	0.7	-0.3	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.1	17.0	1.3	1.9	1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	219.0	223.3	2.5	4.3	7.7	4.7	2.0	3.6	2.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	49.6	51.5	1.6	1.9	3.1	7.1	3.8	6.4	16.0
Agriculture	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	-1.1	10.0	0.0	-50.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.6	18.5	0.9	0.9	0.5	5.2	5.1	2.8	39.1
Utilities	1.9	1.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-5.3	-18.2	-18.2
Construction	10.3	11.6	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.8	12.6	13.7	7.4
Manufacturing	18.8	18.6	1.0	-0.2	1.8	2.7	-1.1	10.7	17.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	169.4	171.8	2.2	2.4	4.6	-2.4	1.4	2.8	-1.4
Trade	36.4	39.4	1.2	3.0	4.4	1.0	8.2	12.6	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	13.1	12.7	0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.4	-3.1	1.6	3.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.2	7.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.1	0.9	-7.3	-1.3	13.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.3	7.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.5	1.4	0.0	-6.3
Business, building and other support services	7.7	7.9	0.7	0.2	0.0	-0.7	2.6	0.0	-8.1
Educational services	16.6	16.6	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.6
Health care and social assistance	32.8	32.4	1.0	-0.4	1.1	-1.5	-1.2	3.5	-4.4
Information, culture and recreation	6.8	7.0	0.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	2.9	-2.8	-5.4
Accommodation and food services	12.8	12.9	0.9	0.1	0.2	-0.6	0.8	1.6	-4.4
Other services	12.4	12.5	0.9	0.1	-0.6	0.5	0.8	-4.6	4.2
Public administration	15.2	15.3	0.8	0.1	-0.7	-1.5	0.7	-4.4	-8.9

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	114.1	114.2	...	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	78.0	78.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.4
Employment	68.9	68.8	0.7	-0.1	-1.4	1.4	-0.1	-2.0	2.1
Employment full-time	57.9	57.3	0.8	-0.6	-0.8	0.4	-1.0	-1.4	0.7
Unemployment	9.1	9.4	0.7	0.3	1.5	-0.3	3.3	19.0	-3.1
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	12.0	0.8	0.3	1.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.2	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.6	0.9	0.6	-0.7	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Labour force	13.3	13.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.6	2.3	0.7	-4.2
Employment	11.2	11.5	0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	2.7	-1.7	-1.7
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.0	16.7	-16.0
Participation rate	65.8	67.3	1.9	1.5	0.1	-3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	15.4	2.2	-0.4	2.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	56.9	2.0	1.5	-1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.5	38.3	3.2	0.8	-2.8	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.3	45.4	...	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.3
Labour force	33.2	32.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.6	0.3
Employment	29.5	29.6	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.9	0.3	-1.0	3.1
Unemployment	3.7	3.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.8	-10.8	3.1	-19.5
Participation rate	73.3	72.5	0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.0	1.1	-1.1	0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.2	0.9	0.1	-1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	5.1	1.0	0.3	1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.6	48.7	...	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.6	1.7
Labour force	31.4	31.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.5	0.6	0.0	5.0
Employment	28.2	27.6	0.4	-0.6	-1.0	0.6	-2.1	-3.5	2.2
Unemployment	3.3	4.0	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.8	21.2	33.3	25.0
Participation rate	64.6	64.9	0.8	0.3	-0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	12.7	1.2	2.2	3.2	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	56.7	0.8	-1.3	-2.4	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	19.9	1.4	0.8	-1.8	4.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	68.9	68.8	0.7	-0.1	-1.4	1.4	-0.1	-2.0	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	18.6	18.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	1.2	-0.5	-1.6	6.9
Agriculture	3.9	3.9	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.5	0.0	-7.1	14.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	3.6	-3.3
Utilities	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-25.0	-25.0	-25.0
Construction	4.4	4.3	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-2.3	2.4	2.4
Manufacturing	6.9	7.0	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.4	-1.4	11.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	50.3	50.3	0.6	0.0	-1.1	0.2	0.0	-2.1	0.4
Trade	10.0	10.6	0.4	0.6	-0.2	0.9	6.0	-1.9	9.3
Transportation and warehousing	2.6	2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-3.8	-10.7	-10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	30.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-11.1	-14.3
Business, building and other support services	2.4	2.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-4.2	0.0	-11.5
Educational services	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-2.2	-10.2	-8.3
Health care and social assistance	8.0	7.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	-3.8	-1.3	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	2.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-4.0	-7.7	-14.3
Accommodation and food services	5.3	5.1	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-3.8	4.1	0.0
Other services	3.2	3.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	3.1	-8.3	-2.9
Public administration	6.9	7.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	2.9	9.2	9.2

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	763.1	763.4	...	0.3	1.4	4.9	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	486.2	487.6	3.0	1.4	5.1	8.5	0.3	1.1	1.8
Employment	440.5	442.7	3.4	2.2	3.5	8.1	0.5	0.8	1.9
Employment full-time	359.9	361.1	3.8	1.2	9.6	7.3	0.3	2.7	2.1
Unemployment	45.7	44.9	2.7	-0.8	1.6	0.5	-1.8	3.7	1.1
Participation rate	63.7	63.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.2	0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	58.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.4	0.7	0.1	-1.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	124.2	124.2	...	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	81.7	84.2	1.8	2.5	1.2	0.9	3.1	1.4	1.1
Employment	69.4	70.4	1.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.6	1.4	-0.4	-0.8
Unemployment	12.3	13.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	12.2	12.2	11.3
Participation rate	65.8	67.8	1.5	2.0	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	16.4	1.8	1.3	1.6	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.7	1.6	0.8	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.1	40.3	2.4	0.3	-6.6	-4.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	305.0	305.1	...	0.1	0.4	2.0	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	213.1	211.4	1.6	-1.7	0.8	3.4	-0.8	0.4	1.6
Employment	194.5	193.9	1.9	-0.6	0.9	4.6	-0.3	0.5	2.4
Unemployment	18.6	17.5	1.7	-1.1	-0.1	-1.2	-5.9	-0.6	-6.4
Participation rate	69.9	69.3	0.5	-0.6	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.3	0.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.6	0.6	-0.2	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.5	0.8	0.0	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	333.9	334.0	...	0.1	0.5	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	191.4	192.0	1.6	0.6	3.1	4.3	0.3	1.6	2.3
Employment	176.6	178.4	1.6	1.8	2.9	4.0	1.0	1.7	2.3
Unemployment	14.8	13.6	1.4	-1.2	0.2	0.2	-8.1	1.5	1.5
Participation rate	57.3	57.5	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.1	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.9	53.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	22.7	1.2	0.0	-1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	440.5	442.7	3.4	2.2	3.5	8.1	0.5	0.8	1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	97.1	95.0	2.3	-2.1	-4.7	-2.9	-2.2	-4.7	-3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.0	6.2	0.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	3.3	-6.1	-8.8
Utilities	15.5	13.9	0.9	-1.6	-0.5	-1.5	-10.3	-3.5	-9.7
Construction	3.1	2.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	-22.6	-11.1	0.0
Manufacturing	28.0	28.0	1.4	0.0	-0.3	3.6	0.0	-1.1	14.8
Services-producing sector	44.4	44.4	1.5	0.0	-3.3	-4.5	0.0	-6.9	-9.2
Services-producing sector	343.5	347.7	3.0	4.2	8.3	11.0	1.2	2.4	3.3
Trade	75.3	77.4	1.7	2.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.6	4.0
Transportation and warehousing	21.2	20.4	1.0	-0.8	0.3	1.3	-3.8	1.5	6.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	20.3	21.3	0.8	1.0	1.7	-0.4	4.9	8.7	-1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.3	20.8	0.9	1.5	2.2	1.3	7.8	11.8	6.7
Business, building and other support services	25.9	26.3	1.2	0.4	2.2	4.3	1.5	9.1	19.5
Educational services	33.7	33.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-1.2	-1.5	-1.2
Health care and social assistance	56.0	55.0	1.3	-1.0	0.0	2.1	-1.8	0.0	4.0
Information, culture and recreation	17.3	18.3	1.0	1.0	-0.5	1.6	5.8	-2.7	9.6
Accommodation and food services	27.3	30.1	1.3	2.8	3.8	2.5	10.3	14.4	9.1
Other services	18.6	18.0	1.2	-0.6	-1.1	-4.9	-3.2	-5.8	-21.4
Public administration	28.6	26.8	1.0	-1.8	-2.6	0.5	-6.3	-8.8	1.9

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	611.1	611.3	...	0.2	0.7	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	387.7	388.8	2.6	1.1	4.6	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.1
Employment	350.9	350.2	2.6	-0.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.1
Employment full-time	295.9	294.9	2.9	-1.0	1.6	1.8	-0.3	0.5	0.6
Unemployment	36.7	38.6	2.3	1.9	0.5	0.1	5.2	1.3	0.3
Participation rate	63.4	63.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.9	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.3	0.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.7	15.8	0.6	0.1	0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	63.1	63.9	1.3	0.8	-0.3	0.8	1.3	-0.5	1.3
Employment	52.4	53.0	1.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.1	1.1	-1.3	-0.2
Unemployment	10.7	10.9	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.9	3.8	9.0
Participation rate	64.9	65.7	1.4	0.8	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.0	17.1	1.7	0.1	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.9	54.5	1.3	0.6	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.1	41.5	2.2	2.4	1.7	3.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	248.4	248.5	...	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	172.9	172.5	1.5	-0.4	1.3	-1.0	-0.2	0.8	-0.6
Employment	157.2	155.6	1.6	-1.6	1.7	-0.4	-1.0	1.1	-0.3
Unemployment	15.7	16.9	1.5	1.2	-0.4	-0.6	7.6	-2.3	-3.4
Participation rate	69.6	69.4	0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.8	0.8	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	62.6	0.7	-0.7	0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.5	4.2	0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	265.5	265.6	...	0.1	0.4	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.7
Labour force	151.6	152.4	1.4	0.8	3.6	0.5	0.5	2.4	0.3
Employment	141.3	141.5	1.4	0.2	3.1	0.7	0.1	2.2	0.5
Unemployment	10.3	10.8	1.2	0.5	0.5	-0.3	4.9	4.9	-2.7
Participation rate	57.1	57.4	0.5	0.3	1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.1	0.8	0.3	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	53.3	0.6	0.1	1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.5	18.8	1.1	-0.7	0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	350.9	350.2	2.6	-0.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	84.7	84.5	1.8	-0.2	0.3	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.6
Agriculture	5.6	6.6	0.6	1.0	2.0	0.1	17.9	43.5	1.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.8	11.5	0.8	-0.3	-0.6	-1.8	-2.5	-5.0	-13.5
Utilities	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.7	3.0	0.0	-17.1
Construction	19.3	19.0	1.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-1.6	-2.6	-2.1
Manufacturing	44.6	44.1	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	3.3	-1.1	-1.1	8.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	266.2	265.6	2.4	-0.6	3.7	-0.4	-0.2	1.4	-0.2
Trade	53.8	55.3	1.3	1.5	-0.5	1.3	2.8	-0.9	2.4
Transportation and warehousing	18.4	18.7	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.0	1.6	6.2	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.5	13.5	0.6	-1.0	-1.3	-0.2	-6.9	-8.8	-1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.3	15.7	0.7	-0.6	1.3	-0.8	-3.7	9.0	-4.8
Business, building and other support services	20.2	19.4	1.0	-0.8	-2.2	-3.6	-4.0	-10.2	-15.7
Educational services	25.8	25.7	0.8	-0.1	1.5	3.6	-0.4	6.2	16.3
Health care and social assistance	49.1	49.1	1.1	0.0	2.3	5.8	0.0	4.9	13.4
Information, culture and recreation	10.9	10.9	0.7	0.0	1.1	-2.6	0.0	11.2	-19.3
Accommodation and food services	22.2	21.7	1.0	-0.5	-0.1	-1.1	-2.3	-0.5	-4.8
Other services	16.5	16.9	0.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	2.4	-0.6	-5.1
Public administration	18.5	18.7	0.7	0.2	0.7	-2.0	1.1	3.9	-9.7

<sup>1</sup> 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 8

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,123.6	6,128.4	...	4.8	16.3	63.0	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	4,037.6	4,033.0	15.6	-4.6	-28.8	45.4	-0.1	-0.7	1.1
Employment	3,681.6	3,686.1	16.3	4.5	4.2	56.2	0.1	0.1	1.5
Employment full-time	2,994.9	2,995.8	19.0	0.9	21.9	28.2	0.0	0.7	1.0
Unemployment	356.0	346.9	13.8	-9.1	-33.0	-10.8	-2.6	-8.7	-3.0
Participation rate	65.9	65.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.7	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	949.5	949.4	...	-0.1	-0.8	-3.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	636.2	632.0	8.7	-4.2	-19.1	-14.9	-0.7	-2.9	-2.3
Employment	539.7	538.7	8.6	-1.0	-7.0	-15.6	-0.2	-1.3	-2.8
Unemployment	96.5	93.3	7.5	-3.2	-12.0	0.7	-3.3	-11.4	0.8
Participation rate	67.0	66.6	0.9	-0.4	-1.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	14.8	1.1	-0.4	-1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	56.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.7	47.7	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,523.3	2,525.8	...	2.5	8.6	33.4	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	1,837.2	1,844.1	8.5	6.9	-1.6	12.8	0.4	-0.1	0.7
Employment	1,689.2	1,698.6	9.5	9.4	4.4	13.1	0.6	0.3	0.8
Unemployment	147.9	145.4	8.2	-2.5	-6.1	-0.4	-1.7	-4.0	-0.3
Participation rate	72.8	73.0	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	6.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,650.8	2,653.2	...	2.4	8.5	33.3	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	1,564.2	1,556.9	9.0	-7.3	-8.2	47.5	-0.5	-0.5	3.1
Employment	1,452.6	1,448.8	9.2	-3.8	6.9	58.7	-0.3	0.5	4.2
Unemployment	111.6	108.1	7.7	-3.5	-15.0	-11.2	-3.1	-12.2	-9.4
Participation rate	59.0	58.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.9	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	54.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	21.7	0.7	-0.1	-1.3	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,681.6	3,686.1	16.3	4.5	4.2	56.2	0.1	0.1	1.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	911.3	926.3	11.3	15.0	0.2	-9.2	1.6	0.0	-1.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	53.6	55.2	2.7	1.6	-1.8	-0.9	3.0	-3.2	-1.6
Utilities	39.4	38.9	2.4	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	-1.3	0.5	-0.3
Construction	28.1	32.7	1.9	4.6	3.0	4.3	16.4	10.1	15.1
Manufacturing	168.3	169.2	5.7	0.9	-8.6	-6.0	0.5	-4.8	-3.4
Services-producing sector	621.8	630.5	9.6	8.7	7.5	-6.4	1.4	1.2	-1.0
Trade	2,770.4	2,759.8	16.2	-10.6	4.1	65.4	-0.4	0.1	2.4
Transportation and warehousing	616.1	603.7	10.3	-12.4	-2.0	5.0	-2.0	-0.3	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	174.4	176.9	5.3	2.5	13.3	17.2	1.4	8.1	10.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	198.9	196.9	5.7	-2.0	-3.8	11.1	-1.0	-1.9	6.0
Business, building and other support services	212.3	222.9	6.4	10.6	10.4	8.6	5.0	4.9	4.0
Educational services	113.8	109.3	5.5	-4.5	-3.1	-4.2	-4.0	-2.8	-3.7
Health care and social assistance	256.4	248.6	6.5	-7.8	-6.2	-1.3	-3.0	-2.4	-0.5
Information, culture and recreation	451.3	456.4	7.6	5.1	4.2	33.3	1.1	0.9	7.9
Accommodation and food services	167.5	162.0	5.9	-5.5	0.7	9.2	-3.3	0.4	6.0
Public administration	212.8	209.2	6.8	-3.6	-1.1	-15.9	-1.7	-0.5	-7.1
Other services	157.2	161.4	5.9	4.2	-6.3	-4.8	2.7	-3.8	-2.9
Public administration	209.6	212.5	5.4	2.9	-2.0	7.3	1.4	-0.9	3.6

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,886.0	9,899.9	...	13.9	42.6	168.2	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	6,755.5	6,763.3	18.2	7.8	27.1	97.0	0.1	0.4	1.5
Employment	6,308.3	6,283.8	18.5	-24.5	-2.0	57.8	-0.4	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	5,183.5	5,167.4	22.1	-16.1	21.2	84.0	-0.3	0.4	1.7
Unemployment	447.3	479.5	15.0	32.2	29.1	39.2	7.2	6.5	8.9
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,616.5	1,619.1	...	2.6	8.0	30.6	0.2	0.5	1.9
Labour force	1,076.0	1,074.3	10.8	-1.7	-4.2	8.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.8
Employment	920.1	909.1	10.2	-11.0	-10.4	-20.6	-1.2	-1.1	-2.2
Unemployment	155.9	165.2	9.1	9.3	6.2	28.6	6.0	3.9	20.9
Participation rate	66.6	66.4	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.5	15.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.1	0.6	-0.8	-1.0	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.2	48.3	1.1	0.0	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,017.3	4,022.7	...	5.4	16.4	65.4	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	3,033.9	3,051.9	9.1	18.0	32.0	50.3	0.6	1.1	1.7
Employment	2,872.7	2,872.2	10.1	-0.5	1.6	36.5	0.0	0.1	1.3
Unemployment	161.2	179.7	8.2	18.5	30.4	13.8	11.5	20.4	8.3
Participation rate	75.5	75.9	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.9	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,252.2	4,258.1	...	5.9	18.2	72.2	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	2,645.6	2,637.1	10.9	-8.5	-0.7	38.6	-0.3	0.0	1.5
Employment	2,515.4	2,502.5	11.0	-12.9	6.7	41.9	-0.5	0.3	1.7
Unemployment	130.2	134.6	8.4	4.4	-7.4	-3.3	3.4	-5.2	-2.4
Participation rate	62.2	61.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	20.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,308.3	6,283.8	18.5	-24.5	-2.0	57.8	-0.4	0.0	0.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,629.0	1,635.0	14.2	6.0	-17.0	-7.7	0.4	-1.0	-0.5
Agriculture	84.4	83.0	3.5	-1.4	-4.1	4.2	-1.7	-4.7	5.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.7	34.8	1.7	2.1	3.0	-1.7	6.4	9.4	-4.7
Utilities	52.5	52.9	2.7	0.4	-2.1	-1.4	0.8	-3.8	-2.6
Construction	375.6	367.7	7.9	-7.9	-27.6	-3.2	-2.1	-7.0	-0.9
Manufacturing	1,083.8	1,096.5	12.2	12.7	13.7	-5.6	1.2	1.3	-0.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,679.2	4,648.8	19.8	-30.4	14.9	65.5	-0.6	0.3	1.4
Trade	963.6	958.1	11.3	-5.5	19.7	18.1	-0.6	2.1	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	313.6	313.1	6.8	-0.5	18.5	32.9	-0.2	6.3	11.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	432.1	438.7	8.1	6.6	4.8	6.9	1.5	1.1	1.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	433.7	433.2	8.9	-0.5	17.5	-22.7	-0.1	4.2	-5.0
Business, building and other support services	286.2	270.5	7.8	-15.7	-19.3	11.3	-5.5	-6.7	4.4
Educational services	403.7	400.1	7.2	-3.6	7.0	17.0	-0.9	1.8	4.4
Health care and social assistance	615.5	614.3	7.9	-1.2	-11.6	12.3	-0.2	-1.9	2.0
Information, culture and recreation	304.7	297.5	7.2	-7.2	5.5	19.1	-2.4	1.9	6.9
Accommodation and food services	368.5	368.3	8.2	-0.2	-16.3	-14.0	-0.1	-4.2	-3.7
Other services	248.1	249.9	6.8	1.8	-2.7	-16.9	0.7	-1.1	-6.3
Public administration	309.5	305.2	6.0	-4.3	-8.2	1.8	-1.4	-2.6	0.6

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	873.5	874.3	...	0.8	2.4	9.0	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	601.9	601.4	2.7	-0.5	0.6	5.2	-0.1	0.1	0.9
Employment	573.0	571.7	2.9	-1.3	1.1	4.5	-0.2	0.2	0.8
Employment full-time	462.9	464.1	3.6	1.2	2.8	12.5	0.3	0.6	2.8
Unemployment	29.0	29.8	2.2	0.8	-0.5	0.8	2.8	-1.7	2.8
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	18.8	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	151.4	151.7	...	0.3	0.7	2.4	0.2	0.5	1.6
Labour force	107.1	104.9	1.7	-2.2	-2.1	-3.1	-2.1	-2.0	-2.9
Employment	97.1	94.5	1.7	-2.6	-3.2	-3.6	-2.7	-3.3	-3.7
Unemployment	10.0	10.4	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.4	4.0	11.8	4.0
Participation rate	70.7	69.1	1.1	-1.6	-1.8	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.9	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	62.3	1.1	-1.8	-2.4	-3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	43.2	1.8	-1.6	-1.9	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	352.6	352.8	...	0.2	0.8	3.4	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	266.4	266.2	1.4	-0.2	0.8	2.3	-0.1	0.3	0.9
Employment	255.1	255.2	1.5	0.1	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.1
Unemployment	11.3	11.0	1.2	-0.3	-0.8	2.0	-2.7	-6.8	22.2
Participation rate	75.6	75.5	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.3	72.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	6.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	369.5	369.8	...	0.3	0.8	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	228.4	230.3	1.6	1.9	1.9	6.0	0.8	0.8	2.7
Employment	220.7	221.9	1.6	1.2	2.7	7.6	0.5	1.2	3.5
Unemployment	7.7	8.4	1.1	0.7	-0.8	-1.6	9.1	-8.7	-16.0
Participation rate	61.8	62.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.6	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.0	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	22.4	1.0	0.4	0.5	-3.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	573.0	571.7	2.9	-1.3	1.1	4.5	-0.2	0.2	0.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	141.0	142.9	2.1	1.9	0.2	2.3	1.3	0.1	1.6
Agriculture	31.4	31.4	1.1	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	0.0	-0.9	-3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.9	6.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	5.1	3.3	17.0
Utilities	6.8	6.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-5.9	-3.0	-7.2
Construction	26.6	28.2	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	6.0	6.4	6.0
Manufacturing	70.3	70.7	1.4	0.4	-1.3	1.6	0.6	-1.8	2.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	432.0	428.8	3.0	-3.2	1.0	2.2	-0.7	0.2	0.5
Trade	81.9	83.8	1.7	1.9	-1.7	1.6	2.3	-2.0	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	32.9	33.7	1.1	0.8	-0.6	-1.3	2.4	-1.7	-3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.8	29.0	1.0	-0.8	-1.0	2.0	-2.7	-3.3	7.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.0	23.3	1.0	-1.7	-0.4	0.1	-6.8	-1.7	0.4
Business, building and other support services	19.9	20.0	1.0	0.1	3.5	-1.2	0.5	21.2	-5.7
Educational services	43.0	43.8	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.9	2.1	1.4
Health care and social assistance	77.4	76.7	1.3	-0.7	1.8	3.8	-0.9	2.4	5.2
Information, culture and recreation	24.8	24.2	1.0	-0.6	0.7	1.9	-2.4	3.0	8.5
Accommodation and food services	38.0	33.6	1.4	-4.4	-5.8	-6.7	-11.6	-14.7	-16.6
Other services	25.3	25.6	1.1	0.3	1.2	-3.4	1.2	4.9	-11.7
Public administration	34.1	35.1	1.0	1.0	2.2	4.7	2.9	6.7	15.5

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	756.9	757.0	...	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	517.8	518.8	2.6	1.0	1.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment	488.4	487.5	2.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Employment full-time	396.4	392.9	3.2	-3.5	0.5	-3.0	-0.9	0.1	-0.8
Unemployment	29.3	31.4	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	7.2	7.2	7.2
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	19.4	0.6	0.5	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.3	138.3	...	0.0	0.1	-0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.6
Labour force	92.5	95.2	1.6	2.7	1.9	-2.2	2.9	2.0	-2.3
Employment	81.1	82.9	1.6	1.8	1.2	-3.6	2.2	1.5	-4.2
Unemployment	11.4	12.2	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.3	7.0	5.2	11.9
Participation rate	66.9	68.8	1.2	1.9	1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	12.8	1.2	0.5	0.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	59.9	1.1	1.3	0.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.7	41.4	1.7	0.7	-0.7	2.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.6	301.6	...	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	229.1	227.6	1.3	-1.5	-1.5	1.9	-0.7	-0.7	0.8
Employment	218.2	216.8	1.4	-1.4	-1.7	2.1	-0.6	-0.8	1.0
Unemployment	10.9	10.8	1.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.9	0.9	-2.7
Participation rate	76.0	75.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.7	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.3	71.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	6.2	0.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	317.0	317.1	...	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	196.2	196.1	1.5	-0.1	0.7	2.8	-0.1	0.4	1.4
Employment	189.1	187.7	1.5	-1.4	-0.6	1.8	-0.7	-0.3	1.0
Unemployment	7.1	8.4	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.0	18.3	18.3	13.5
Participation rate	61.9	61.8	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	4.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.5	24.9	1.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	488.4	487.5	2.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	125.1	126.7	2.0	1.6	1.0	4.0	1.3	0.8	3.3
Agriculture	49.7	49.9	1.5	0.2	1.0	2.8	0.4	2.0	5.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.2	20.9	0.8	0.7	0.3	3.1	3.5	1.5	17.4
Utilities	5.2	5.8	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.5	11.5	26.1	34.9
Construction	22.6	22.7	1.0	0.1	-0.2	-2.4	0.4	-0.9	-9.6
Manufacturing	27.3	27.4	1.0	0.1	-1.4	-1.1	0.4	-4.9	-3.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	363.4	360.7	2.7	-2.7	-2.0	-3.7	-0.7	-0.6	-1.0
Trade	77.3	77.0	1.4	-0.3	-2.6	1.1	-0.4	-3.3	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	22.3	21.5	0.9	-0.8	-1.8	-2.2	-3.6	-7.7	-9.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.8	27.6	0.8	-0.2	0.7	0.0	-0.7	2.6	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.7	17.2	0.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	3.0	-0.6	-3.9
Business, building and other support services	13.0	13.9	0.8	0.9	1.7	2.0	6.9	13.9	16.8
Educational services	42.3	42.3	1.2	0.0	1.7	1.4	0.0	4.2	3.4
Health care and social assistance	59.2	58.4	1.1	-0.8	1.1	-1.3	-1.4	1.9	-2.2
Information, culture and recreation	22.8	21.7	0.9	-1.1	-1.6	0.9	-4.8	-6.9	4.3
Accommodation and food services	33.9	34.6	1.3	0.7	0.5	-1.0	2.1	1.5	-2.8
Other services	21.4	21.2	1.0	-0.2	0.4	-3.1	-0.9	1.9	-12.8
Public administration	26.6	25.3	0.8	-1.3	-2.0	-0.8	-4.9	-7.3	-3.1

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,500.6	2,504.2	...	3.6	10.5	47.7	0.1	0.4	1.9
Labour force	1,842.9	1,837.6	7.6	-5.3	-3.1	47.1	-0.3	-0.2	2.6
Employment	1,747.7	1,746.0	8.1	-1.7	-5.5	48.2	-0.1	-0.3	2.8
Employment full-time	1,438.4	1,440.3	10.3	1.9	6.6	52.4	0.1	0.5	3.8
Unemployment	95.1	91.6	5.7	-3.5	2.4	-1.1	-3.7	2.7	-1.2
Participation rate	73.7	73.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	17.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	466.7	467.2	...	0.5	0.9	6.0	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	331.1	329.8	4.7	-1.3	2.9	9.6	-0.4	0.9	3.0
Employment	298.9	298.8	4.7	-0.1	-1.4	7.9	0.0	-0.5	2.7
Unemployment	32.2	31.0	3.4	-1.2	4.3	1.6	-3.7	16.1	5.4
Participation rate	70.9	70.6	1.0	-0.3	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.4	1.0	-0.3	1.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.0	1.0	0.0	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	37.3	1.6	0.0	-1.7	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,017.4	1,019.0	...	1.6	4.9	20.9	0.2	0.5	2.1
Labour force	835.9	832.7	3.6	-3.2	-2.0	18.4	-0.4	-0.2	2.3
Employment	802.8	800.4	4.3	-2.4	-0.9	21.4	-0.3	-0.1	2.7
Unemployment	33.1	32.3	3.4	-0.8	-1.1	-2.9	-2.4	-3.3	-8.2
Participation rate	82.2	81.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.9	78.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	5.2	0.5	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,016.5	1,018.0	...	1.5	4.8	20.8	0.1	0.5	2.1
Labour force	675.9	675.1	4.4	-0.8	-3.9	19.1	-0.1	-0.6	2.9
Employment	646.0	646.9	4.4	0.9	-3.0	19.1	0.1	-0.5	3.0
Unemployment	29.9	28.2	3.0	-1.7	-1.0	0.1	-5.7	-3.4	0.4
Participation rate	66.5	66.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.5	23.7	0.9	-0.8	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,747.7	1,746.0	8.1	-1.7	-5.5	48.2	-0.1	-0.3	2.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	491.3	490.8	6.1	-0.5	-3.9	23.0	-0.1	-0.8	4.9
Agriculture	70.3	70.9	2.7	0.6	-1.1	3.4	0.9	-1.5	5.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	111.1	110.8	2.9	-0.3	1.8	11.7	-0.3	1.7	11.8
Utilities	13.3	14.4	0.9	1.1	-0.7	0.5	8.3	-4.6	3.6
Construction	147.4	149.6	4.1	2.2	3.8	10.0	1.5	2.6	7.2
Manufacturing	149.2	145.0	3.6	-4.2	-7.8	-2.7	-2.8	-5.1	-1.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,256.4	1,255.2	8.4	-1.2	-1.6	25.2	-0.1	-0.1	2.0
Trade	269.6	268.3	4.9	-1.3	-6.6	16.3	-0.5	-2.4	6.5
Transportation and warehousing	96.5	99.5	3.0	3.0	6.2	2.6	3.1	6.6	2.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	90.6	94.3	2.6	3.7	2.2	11.1	4.1	2.4	13.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	131.0	124.6	3.3	-6.4	3.8	9.8	-4.9	3.1	8.5
Business, building and other support services	58.8	59.3	3.1	0.5	-1.2	-8.1	0.9	-2.0	-12.0
Educational services	110.3	109.0	3.2	-1.3	0.3	3.3	-1.2	0.3	3.1
Health care and social assistance	160.3	164.8	3.2	4.5	-1.0	5.0	2.8	-0.6	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	71.6	70.5	2.8	-1.1	0.9	-0.6	-1.5	1.3	-0.8
Accommodation and food services	117.5	117.9	3.6	0.4	-2.3	-9.2	0.3	-1.9	-7.2
Other services	78.7	79.1	2.7	0.4	-0.3	-2.9	0.5	-0.4	-3.5
Public administration	71.6	67.9	2.2	-3.7	-3.8	-2.3	-5.2	-5.3	-3.3

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,396.5	3,400.2	...	3.7	13.3	49.2	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	2,210.5	2,215.0	11.1	4.5	-7.6	28.6	0.2	-0.3	1.3
Employment	2,036.0	2,041.1	11.4	5.1	-30.3	25.4	0.3	-1.5	1.3
Employment full-time	1,598.6	1,616.7	13.7	18.1	-4.8	55.0	1.1	-0.3	3.5
Unemployment	174.4	173.9	9.0	-0.5	22.8	3.2	-0.3	15.1	1.9
Participation rate	65.1	65.1	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.9	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.3	0.1	-1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	20.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	553.7	554.1	...	0.4	1.6	7.8	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	340.7	344.3	6.1	3.6	-10.9	8.0	1.1	-3.1	2.4
Employment	290.0	294.4	5.9	4.4	-15.3	-1.4	1.5	-4.9	-0.5
Unemployment	50.8	49.9	5.0	-0.9	4.4	9.4	-1.8	9.7	23.2
Participation rate	61.5	62.1	1.1	0.6	-2.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	14.5	1.4	-0.4	1.7	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.4	53.1	1.1	0.7	-3.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.8	46.3	2.0	-1.5	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,385.3	1,386.8	...	1.5	5.3	18.6	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	990.8	992.9	5.9	2.1	1.7	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Employment	923.6	927.4	6.2	3.8	-6.8	2.4	0.4	-0.7	0.3
Unemployment	67.2	65.4	5.3	-1.8	8.5	-2.7	-2.7	14.9	-4.0
Participation rate	71.5	71.6	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.6	0.5	-0.2	0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.9	0.5	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.5	8.1	0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,457.5	1,459.3	...	1.8	6.3	22.7	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	879.0	877.8	6.3	-1.2	1.6	20.9	-0.1	0.2	2.4
Employment	822.5	819.2	6.6	-3.3	-8.3	24.3	-0.4	-1.0	3.1
Unemployment	56.4	58.5	4.9	2.1	9.8	-3.6	3.7	20.1	-5.8
Participation rate	60.3	60.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.6	0.3	1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.8	26.0	1.0	-0.8	-1.3	-4.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,036.0	2,041.1	11.4	5.1	-30.3	25.4	0.3	-1.5	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	425.3	420.9	7.5	-4.4	4.1	-13.2	-1.0	1.0	-3.0
Agriculture	36.5	35.6	2.6	-0.9	2.7	-3.9	-2.5	8.2	-9.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.2	35.0	3.0	-3.2	-5.9	-14.3	-8.4	-14.4	-29.0
Utilities	9.0	10.1	1.2	1.1	-0.8	-4.5	12.2	-7.3	-30.8
Construction	135.1	141.0	4.7	5.9	12.6	19.6	4.4	9.8	16.1
Manufacturing	206.5	199.2	5.0	-7.3	-4.5	-10.1	-3.5	-2.2	-4.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,610.7	1,620.2	11.5	9.5	-34.4	38.6	0.6	-2.1	2.4
Trade	310.9	317.7	6.4	6.8	-3.9	-0.1	2.2	-1.2	0.0
Transportation and warehousing	112.5	113.6	3.9	1.1	-2.2	-4.8	1.0	-1.9	-4.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	123.8	131.9	4.2	8.1	-0.8	4.2	6.5	-0.6	3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	147.0	145.4	4.5	-1.6	-0.4	14.4	-1.1	-0.3	11.0
Business, building and other support services	86.7	82.7	3.9	-4.0	-8.3	3.4	-4.6	-9.1	4.3
Educational services	140.4	135.3	4.5	-5.1	-8.0	-17.0	-3.6	-5.6	-11.2
Health care and social assistance	212.6	223.7	4.7	11.1	3.4	12.1	5.2	1.5	5.7
Information, culture and recreation	108.1	105.2	4.3	-2.9	-5.1	2.7	-2.7	-4.6	2.6
Accommodation and food services	178.2	174.4	5.1	-3.8	-1.3	15.2	-2.1	-0.7	9.5
Other services	92.6	89.7	4.0	-2.9	-10.4	-6.2	-3.1	-10.4	-6.5
Public administration	98.0	100.6	3.5	2.6	2.6	14.6	2.7	2.7	17.0

<sup>1</sup> 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 14

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	145.0	145.2	...	0.2	0.6	1.7	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	97.8	96.3	0.8	-1.5	-0.3	-3.0	-1.5	-0.3	-3.0
Employment	87.6	87.3	0.9	-0.3	0.4	-2.1	-0.3	0.5	-2.3
Unemployment	10.2	9.0	0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.8	-11.8	-7.2	-8.2
Participation rate	67.4	66.3	0.6	-1.1	-0.5	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	9.3	0.5	-1.1	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.1	0.6	-0.3	0.0	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	290.8	291.2	...	0.4	1.2	4.4	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	202.7	203.8	1.3	1.1	1.3	4.7	0.5	0.6	2.4
Employment	190.5	190.9	1.3	0.4	0.2	6.2	0.2	0.1	3.4
Unemployment	12.2	12.8	0.7	0.6	1.1	-1.7	4.9	9.4	-11.7
Participation rate	69.7	70.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.6	0.5	0.1	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	65.3	66.1	0.7	0.8	1.5	-1.5	1.2	2.3	-2.2
Employment	60.2	60.8	0.7	0.6	1.9	-0.7	1.0	3.2	-1.1
Unemployment	5.1	5.3	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	3.9	-7.0	-11.7
Participation rate	64.7	65.4	0.7	0.7	1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	60.2	0.7	0.6	1.9	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	130.3	130.2	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	82.8	84.5	0.8	1.7	5.1	5.1	2.1	6.4	6.4
Employment	72.2	74.1	0.8	1.9	4.1	3.3	2.6	5.9	4.7
Unemployment	10.5	10.4	0.5	-0.1	1.0	1.8	-1.0	10.6	20.9
Participation rate	63.5	64.9	0.6	1.4	4.1	4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	12.3	0.6	-0.4	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	56.9	0.6	1.5	3.3	2.9	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	579.6	580.1	...	0.5	1.6	5.6	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	373.4	375.4	2.8	2.0	-2.1	-10.4	0.5	-0.6	-2.7
Employment	347.3	351.6	2.9	4.3	1.9	-4.4	1.2	0.5	-1.2
Unemployment	26.1	23.9	1.5	-2.2	-3.9	-6.0	-8.4	-14.0	-20.1
Participation rate	64.4	64.7	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.4	0.4	-0.6	-1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.6	0.5	0.7	0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	117.9	117.9	...	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	73.1	72.6	0.7	-0.5	-1.0	-2.6	-0.7	-1.4	-3.5
Employment	66.1	65.5	0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-2.7	-0.9	-0.6	-4.0
Unemployment	7.0	7.1	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.1	1.4	-7.8	1.4
Participation rate	62.0	61.6	0.7	-0.4	-0.9	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.8	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.6	0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	129.2	129.4	...	0.2	0.5	1.7	0.2	0.4	1.3
Labour force	84.6	84.0	0.7	-0.6	-1.6	-1.1	-0.7	-1.9	-1.3
Employment	78.3	78.3	0.7	0.0	-0.9	-1.0	0.0	-1.1	-1.3
Unemployment	6.3	5.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	-9.5	-10.9	-1.7
Participation rate	65.5	64.9	0.6	-0.6	-1.5	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.8	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.9	-1.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,929.3	2,933.3	...	4.0	12.2	44.9	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	1,998.5	1,984.4	7.2	-14.1	-34.2	14.3	-0.7	-1.7	0.7
Employment	1,819.9	1,812.4	7.5	-7.5	-21.0	21.1	-0.4	-1.1	1.2
Unemployment	178.5	172.0	4.8	-6.5	-13.2	-6.7	-3.6	-7.1	-3.7
Participation rate	68.2	67.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	61.8	0.3	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	924.3	926.1	...	1.8	5.2	20.4	0.2	0.6	2.3
Labour force	651.3	650.6	3.1	-0.7	-4.3	8.5	-0.1	-0.7	1.3
Employment	607.2	607.7	3.3	0.5	0.4	10.0	0.1	0.1	1.7
Unemployment	44.1	42.9	1.8	-1.2	-4.7	-1.5	-2.7	-9.9	-3.4
Participation rate	70.5	70.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,206.5	4,216.0	...	9.5	27.4	105.7	0.2	0.7	2.6
Labour force	2,918.2	2,933.9	8.8	15.7	32.5	46.1	0.5	1.1	1.6
Employment	2,708.5	2,711.8	9.0	3.3	21.7	35.4	0.1	0.8	1.3
Unemployment	209.7	222.1	5.3	12.4	10.8	10.7	5.9	5.1	5.1
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.3	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	568.6	569.2	...	0.6	1.6	6.7	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	385.3	385.8	2.6	0.5	-5.1	3.3	0.1	-1.3	0.9
Employment	362.3	359.2	2.7	-3.1	-10.2	-1.8	-0.9	-2.8	-0.5
Unemployment	23.0	26.6	1.3	3.6	5.1	5.1	15.7	23.7	23.7
Participation rate	67.8	67.8	0.5	0.0	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.9	0.3	0.9	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.1	0.5	-0.6	-2.0	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	359.9	360.4	...	0.5	1.5	6.7	0.1	0.4	1.9
Labour force	250.6	251.3	1.6	0.7	-0.6	0.9	0.3	-0.2	0.4
Employment	237.3	237.4	1.7	0.1	-1.8	2.5	0.0	-0.8	1.1
Unemployment	13.3	13.8	0.8	0.5	1.1	-1.7	3.8	8.7	-11.0
Participation rate	69.6	69.7	0.5	0.1	-0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.9	0.5	0.0	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	349.0	349.2	...	0.2	0.5	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	243.9	243.7	1.9	-0.2	2.9	10.2	-0.1	1.2	4.4
Employment	226.8	228.3	2.0	1.5	4.8	10.5	0.7	2.1	4.8
Unemployment	17.1	15.4	0.9	-1.7	-2.0	-0.3	-9.9	-11.5	-1.9
Participation rate	69.9	69.8	0.6	-0.1	0.7	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.4	0.6	0.4	1.3	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	250.6	251.0	...	0.4	1.2	5.3	0.2	0.5	2.2
Labour force	182.0	181.5	1.2	-0.5	0.7	4.5	-0.3	0.4	2.5
Employment	172.9	172.2	1.2	-0.7	0.2	4.1	-0.4	0.1	2.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	3.3	6.8	5.6
Participation rate	72.6	72.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	68.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	326.4	326.5	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	206.5	205.7	1.6	-0.8	-4.1	-4.8	-0.4	-2.0	-2.3
Employment	192.0	190.1	1.6	-1.9	-5.6	-6.6	-1.0	-2.9	-3.4
Unemployment	14.4	15.5	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.7	7.6	9.9	12.3
Participation rate	63.3	63.0	0.5	-0.3	-1.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.8	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.6	126.5	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	81.6	82.1	0.7	0.5	2.2	3.2	0.6	2.8	4.1
Employment	74.7	75.6	0.7	0.9	3.6	2.7	1.2	5.0	3.7
Unemployment	6.9	6.4	0.4	-0.5	-1.5	0.4	-7.2	-19.0	6.7
Participation rate	64.5	64.9	0.6	0.4	1.8	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.8	0.5	-0.7	-2.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.8	0.6	0.8	3.0	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.3	100.3	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	67.0	66.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	-3.4	-0.9	-0.6	-4.9
Employment	61.6	61.6	0.6	0.0	-0.5	-4.6	0.0	-0.8	-6.9
Unemployment	5.4	4.8	0.2	-0.6	0.1	1.2	-11.1	2.1	33.3
Participation rate	66.8	66.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.2	0.3	-0.9	0.2	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.4	0.6	0.0	-0.5	-4.3	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	263.2	263.7	...	0.5	1.3	5.2	0.2	0.5	2.0
Labour force	173.4	173.4	1.4	0.0	0.3	-2.6	0.0	0.2	-1.5
Employment	160.4	160.5	1.5	0.1	0.5	-1.8	0.1	0.3	-1.1
Unemployment	13.1	12.9	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-1.5	-1.5	-5.8
Participation rate	65.9	65.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	544.7	545.3	...	0.6	1.7	6.1	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	382.8	384.9	1.3	2.1	6.1	1.5	0.5	1.6	0.4
Employment	362.1	364.7	1.3	2.6	6.8	2.1	0.7	1.9	0.6
Unemployment	20.8	20.1	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-3.4	-3.4	-3.4
Participation rate	70.3	70.6	0.2	0.3	0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.9	0.2	0.4	1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.2	156.3	...	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	115.3	115.0	0.7	-0.3	0.3	3.3	-0.3	0.3	3.0
Employment	109.0	108.9	0.7	-0.1	0.5	3.8	-0.1	0.5	3.6
Unemployment	6.3	6.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-3.2	-3.2	-9.0
Participation rate	73.8	73.6	0.5	-0.2	0.1	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.7	0.5	-0.1	0.3	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	183.7	183.9	...	0.2	0.5	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.7
Labour force	129.0	128.7	0.8	-0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.5
Employment	120.4	119.7	0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-0.6	-0.7	-1.6
Unemployment	8.6	9.0	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.2	4.7	15.4	15.4
Participation rate	70.2	70.0	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.0	0.3	0.3	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...

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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	847.9	849.6	...	1.7	4.8	21.1	0.2	0.6	2.5
Labour force	643.4	646.0	3.0	2.6	10.7	22.9	0.4	1.7	3.7
Employment	607.5	609.7	3.1	2.2	9.8	23.3	0.4	1.6	4.0
Unemployment	35.9	36.4	1.6	0.5	1.0	-0.3	1.4	2.8	-0.8
Participation rate	75.9	76.0	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.8	0.4	0.2	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	789.7	790.5	...	0.8	2.4	12.6	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	574.8	577.2	2.6	2.4	4.2	17.6	0.4	0.7	3.1
Employment	545.4	546.5	2.7	1.1	-0.1	16.8	0.2	0.0	3.2
Unemployment	29.5	30.7	1.3	1.2	4.3	0.8	4.1	16.3	2.7
Participation rate	72.8	73.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,797.3	1,800.7	...	3.4	10.0	36.8	0.2	0.6	2.1
Labour force	1,209.8	1,214.5	4.8	4.7	5.1	31.5	0.4	0.4	2.7
Employment	1,133.2	1,131.9	5.0	-1.3	-1.2	33.6	-0.1	-0.1	3.1
Unemployment	76.6	82.7	3.0	6.1	6.4	-2.0	8.0	8.4	-2.4
Participation rate	67.3	67.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.8	0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	262.3	262.6	...	0.3	0.9	2.5	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	165.5	165.0	1.7	-0.5	-3.3	1.9	-0.3	-2.0	1.2
Employment	156.2	155.8	1.8	-0.4	-3.6	2.3	-0.3	-2.3	1.5
Unemployment	9.3	9.1	0.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	-2.2	2.2	-5.2
Participation rate	63.1	62.8	0.7	-0.3	-1.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.7	-0.3	-1.6	0.3	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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

	February 2004	March 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,933.5	2,936.9	...	3.4	11.9	45.9	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	1,983.9	1,976.2	15.7	-7.7	-42.2	11.5	-0.4	-2.1	0.6
Employment	1,814.8	1,806.4	16.2	-8.4	-22.6	27.5	-0.5	-1.2	1.5
Unemployment	169.1	169.8	11.9	0.7	-19.6	-16.0	0.4	-10.3	-8.6
Participation rate	67.6	67.3	0.5	-0.3	-1.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.6	0.6	0.1	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.5	0.6	-0.4	-1.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,216.3	4,225.1	...	8.8	28.6	107.8	0.2	0.7	2.6
Labour force	2,932.7	2,962.3	18.5	29.6	47.2	68.9	1.0	1.6	2.4
Employment	2,723.6	2,715.8	18.7	-7.8	9.9	35.7	-0.3	0.4	1.3
Unemployment	209.1	246.5	12.6	37.4	37.3	33.2	17.9	17.8	15.6
Participation rate	69.6	70.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	8.3	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,800.9	1,803.7	...	2.8	10.1	37.5	0.2	0.6	2.1
Labour force	1,200.7	1,220.2	10.6	19.5	14.4	40.2	1.6	1.2	3.4
Employment	1,118.9	1,132.7	10.7	13.8	-4.1	33.6	1.2	-0.4	3.1
Unemployment	81.8	87.5	7.3	5.7	18.4	6.5	7.0	26.6	8.0
Participation rate	66.7	67.6	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.2	0.6	0.4	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.8	0.6	0.7	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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 region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in March 2003 and March 2004**

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2003	25,126.4	16,688.2	15,355.3	1,332.9	66.4	8.0	61.1
	2004	25,464.7	16,939.6	15,595.9	1,343.6	66.5	7.9	61.2
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2003	439.2	249.7	201.1	48.6	56.9	19.5	45.8
	2004	439.8	249.8	204.1	45.7	56.8	18.3	46.4
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	208.2	128.8	110.1	18.7	61.9	14.5	52.9
	2004	210.1	125.8	109.8	15.9	59.9	12.6	52.3
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	37.0	18.4	13.3	5.1	49.7	27.7	35.9
	2004	36.3	19.8	14.5	5.3	54.5	26.8	39.9
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	94.0	53.2	41.7	11.5	56.6	21.6	44.4
	2004	93.8	53.3	41.1	12.2	56.8	22.9	43.8
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	100.0	49.3	36.0	13.3	49.3	27.0	36.0
	2004	99.6	51.0	38.6	12.3	51.2	24.1	38.8
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2003	112.7	73.1	62.0	11.2	64.9	15.3	55.0
	2004	114.0	74.4	63.2	11.1	65.3	14.9	55.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2003	758.2	465.7	418.3	47.4	61.4	10.2	55.2
	2004	763.0	474.5	424.5	50.0	62.2	10.5	55.6
210 Cape Breton	2003	120.1	60.4	51.2	9.2	50.3	15.2	42.6
	2004	119.2	59.8	48.7	11.0	50.2	18.4	40.9
220 North Shore	2003	133.2	79.1	70.7	8.4	59.4	10.6	53.1
	2004	133.4	80.5	70.9	9.6	60.3	11.9	53.1
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	101.8	61.8	55.5	6.3	60.7	10.2	54.5
	2004	102.5	62.9	56.4	6.4	61.4	10.2	55.0
240 Southern	2003	104.3	61.7	54.4	7.4	59.2	12.0	52.2
	2004	104.6	62.9	55.0	7.8	60.1	12.4	52.6
250 Halifax	2003	298.8	202.7	186.6	16.0	67.8	7.9	62.4
	2004	303.3	208.5	193.3	15.2	68.7	7.3	63.7
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2003	608.5	375.2	330.3	45.0	61.7	12.0	54.3
	2004	611.1	374.8	331.9	42.9	61.3	11.4	54.3
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.2	74.5	60.1	14.3	51.3	19.2	41.4
	2004	144.5	75.3	61.4	13.9	52.1	18.5	42.5
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	153.9	99.4	88.5	11.0	64.6	11.1	57.5
	2004	155.8	103.0	93.7	9.3	66.1	9.0	60.1
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.7	91.8	82.1	9.8	65.7	10.7	58.8
	2004	140.3	88.5	80.3	8.1	63.1	9.2	57.2
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	99.8	67.3	61.3	6.0	67.4	8.9	61.4
	2004	100.7	65.8	59.0	6.8	65.3	10.3	58.6
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.9	42.2	38.3	3.9	60.4	9.2	54.8
	2004	69.9	42.3	37.5	4.8	60.5	11.3	53.6
<b>Quebec</b>	2003	6,062.4	3,926.2	3,552.2	374.0	64.8	9.5	58.6
	2004	6,123.5	3,976.7	3,594.3	382.4	64.9	9.6	58.7
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.1	41.3	33.1	8.2	50.3	19.9	40.3
	2004	81.7	42.2	33.6	8.6	51.7	20.4	41.1
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.4	90.3	80.0	10.3	53.9	11.4	47.8
	2004	167.0	99.9	86.4	13.6	59.8	13.6	51.7
420 Québec	2003	537.7	343.8	313.5	30.3	63.9	8.8	58.3
	2004	542.9	341.6	316.9	24.7	62.9	7.2	58.4



**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in March 2003 and March 2004 - Continued**

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.8	210.2	192.8	17.4	65.7	8.3	60.3
	2004	320.9	214.6	195.9	18.7	66.9	8.7	61.0
430 Estrie	2003	239.0	155.6	142.0	13.7	65.1	8.8	59.4
	2004	241.1	153.9	139.2	14.7	63.8	9.6	57.7
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.3	116.1	106.2	10.0	64.4	8.6	58.9
	2004	181.1	123.7	110.1	13.7	68.3	11.1	60.8
435 Montérégie	2003	1,080.8	728.6	667.0	61.6	67.4	8.5	61.7
	2004	1,092.9	767.5	706.6	60.9	70.2	7.9	64.7
440 Montréal	2003	1,515.8	979.2	870.0	109.2	64.6	11.2	57.4
	2004	1,535.6	971.1	871.3	99.8	63.2	10.3	56.7
445 Laval	2003	292.8	194.8	177.8	16.9	66.5	8.7	60.7
	2004	297.0	194.6	174.9	19.7	65.5	10.1	58.9
450 Lanaudière	2003	326.9	227.8	209.4	18.4	69.7	8.1	64.1
	2004	332.2	224.2	203.5	20.7	67.5	9.2	61.3
455 Laurentides	2003	390.7	262.6	243.3	19.3	67.2	7.3	62.3
	2004	399.2	272.8	251.9	21.0	68.3	7.7	63.1
460 Outaouais	2003	264.1	173.4	159.1	14.4	65.7	8.3	60.2
	2004	269.8	172.4	158.3	14.1	63.9	8.2	58.7
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.4	75.9	68.4	7.5	63.0	9.9	56.8
	2004	119.4	74.3	65.4	8.8	62.2	11.8	54.8
470 Mauricie	2003	215.7	132.0	118.3	13.6	61.2	10.3	54.8
	2004	215.5	125.5	112.2	13.2	58.2	10.5	52.1
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.5	137.8	122.2	15.6	59.3	11.3	52.6
	2004	231.5	135.6	116.4	19.3	58.6	14.2	50.3
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.4	56.8	49.3	7.4	58.9	13.0	51.1
	2004	95.6	62.7	51.8	10.9	65.6	17.4	54.2
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2003	9,722.0	6,574.1	6,111.8	462.2	67.6	7.0	62.9
	2004	9,886.1	6,675.0	6,203.3	471.6	67.5	7.1	62.7
510 Ottawa	2003	942.7	648.5	600.1	48.4	68.8	7.5	63.7
	2004	959.4	647.2	602.7	44.4	67.5	6.9	62.8
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	337.9	208.3	193.9	14.4	61.6	6.9	57.4
	2004	338.7	201.1	186.0	15.2	59.4	7.6	54.9
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	298.4	162.7	153.5	9.3	54.5	5.7	51.4
	2004	301.5	209.4	201.0	8.4	69.5	4.0	66.7
530 Toronto	2003	4,307.0	3,001.8	2,788.1	213.7	69.7	7.1	64.7
	2004	4,416.8	3,058.3	2,836.9	221.4	69.2	7.2	64.2
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	887.0	623.2	584.7	38.5	70.3	6.2	65.9
	2004	906.5	626.1	590.5	35.6	69.1	5.7	65.1
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,080.7	717.2	668.5	48.7	66.4	6.8	61.9
	2004	1,090.6	710.1	653.4	56.7	65.1	8.0	59.9
560 London	2003	485.5	326.6	304.2	22.4	67.3	6.9	62.7
	2004	489.1	341.3	319.6	21.7	69.8	6.4	65.3
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	512.5	336.6	309.8	26.8	65.7	8.0	60.4
	2004	517.9	328.1	301.7	26.3	63.4	8.0	58.3

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in March 2003 and March 2004 - Continued**

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.1	152.7	142.3	10.4	64.7	6.8	60.3
	2004	237.0	161.0	150.9	10.1	67.9	6.3	63.7
590 Northeast	2003	454.8	274.3	251.3	22.9	60.3	8.3	55.3
	2004	450.8	272.8	250.5	22.3	60.5	8.2	55.6
595 Northwest	2003	179.6	122.1	115.5	6.7	68.0	5.5	64.3
	2004	177.9	119.5	110.0	9.5	67.2	7.9	61.8
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2003	865.0	589.0	557.2	31.8	68.1	5.4	64.4
	2004	873.5	595.3	563.1	32.2	68.2	5.4	64.5
610 Southeast	2003	70.1	47.3	45.0	2.4	67.5	5.1	64.2
	2004	71.6	51.3	48.6	2.8	71.6	5.5	67.9
620 South Central	2003	40.7	26.2	25.0	1.2	64.4	4.6	61.4
	2004	41.5	25.3	24.6	0.7	61.0	2.8	59.3
630 Southwest	2003	82.0	53.6	51.7	1.9	65.4	3.5	63.0
	2004	82.2	53.4	51.1	2.3	65.0	4.3	62.2
640 North Central	2003	34.7	24.4	23.6	0.8	70.3	3.3	68.0
	2004	34.9	22.9	21.9	1.0	65.6	4.4	62.8
650 Winnipeg	2003	501.9	349.3	328.4	20.8	69.6	6.0	65.4
	2004	507.0	354.0	333.9	20.1	69.8	5.7	65.9
660 Interlake	2003	68.1	44.7	42.7	2.1	65.6	4.7	62.7
	2004	69.4	46.1	44.0	2.1	66.4	4.6	63.4
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.4	43.3	40.7	2.6	64.2	6.0	60.4
	2004	66.9	42.3	39.1	3.2	63.2	7.6	58.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2003	757.1	507.8	476.0	31.7	67.1	6.2	62.9
	2004	756.8	508.4	476.4	32.0	67.2	6.3	62.9
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.5	151.7	142.4	9.3	70.1	6.1	65.8
	2004	216.4	153.7	144.6	9.1	71.0	5.9	66.8
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	83.9	54.1	51.4	2.7	64.5	5.0	61.3
	2004	83.2	53.2	50.2	3.1	63.9	5.8	60.3
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.6	157.7	148.3	9.4	69.3	6.0	65.2
	2004	228.7	155.4	144.8	10.6	67.9	6.8	63.3
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.4	41.0	38.4	2.6	59.1	6.3	55.3
	2004	68.7	41.4	39.1	2.3	60.3	5.6	56.9
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.8	103.3	95.5	7.8	64.6	7.6	59.8
	2004	159.9	104.6	97.7	6.9	65.4	6.6	61.1
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2003	2,453.0	1,773.1	1,675.0	98.0	72.3	5.5	68.3
	2004	2,500.7	1,817.3	1,720.7	96.6	72.7	5.3	68.8
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	192.2	131.0	125.5	5.5	68.2	4.2	65.3
	2004	195.4	128.6	123.9	4.7	65.8	3.7	63.4
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.4	101.8	96.7	5.1	71.0	5.0	67.4
	2004	144.9	101.4	96.4	5.0	70.0	4.9	66.5
830 Calgary	2003	882.1	653.4	614.3	39.1	74.1	6.0	69.6
	2004	905.0	680.3	640.4	39.9	75.2	5.9	70.8
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.5	44.3	41.3	2.9	68.7	6.5	64.0
	2004	64.6	46.8	44.9	1.9	72.4	4.1	69.5

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in March 2003 and March 2004 - Concluded**

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2003	122.5	92.2	86.4	5.8	75.3	6.3	70.5
	2004	125.5	93.6	90.0	3.6	74.6	3.8	71.7
860 Edmonton	2003	801.4	568.3	538.1	30.2	70.9	5.3	67.1
	2004	814.3	587.6	555.2	32.3	72.2	5.5	68.2
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	169.9	120.2	114.2	6.0	70.7	5.0	67.2
	2004	171.9	117.9	111.5	6.5	68.6	5.5	64.9
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	77.1	62.0	58.5	3.5	80.4	5.6	75.9
	2004	79.1	61.1	58.4	2.7	77.2	4.4	73.8
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2003	3,348.3	2,154.4	1,971.3	183.0	64.3	8.5	58.9
	2004	3,396.2	2,193.5	2,014.5	178.9	64.6	8.2	59.3
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	570.8	344.0	313.0	30.9	60.3	9.0	54.8
	2004	576.2	346.4	312.0	34.4	60.1	9.9	54.1
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,004.1	1,327.5	1,228.7	98.8	66.2	7.4	61.3
	2004	2,044.4	1,359.5	1,263.1	96.4	66.5	7.1	61.8
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	392.6	223.3	201.7	21.6	56.9	9.7	51.4
	2004	396.7	240.3	221.0	19.3	60.6	8.0	55.7
940 Kootenay	2003	125.1	79.7	68.2	11.5	63.7	14.4	54.5
	2004	125.4	69.3	59.8	9.5	55.3	13.7	47.7
950 Cariboo	2003	134.5	91.6	79.9	11.7	68.1	12.8	59.4
	2004	133.5	94.0	82.6	11.4	70.4	12.1	61.9
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.5	51.9	46.0	5.9	70.6	11.4	62.6
	2004	72.5	49.1	42.6	6.4	67.7	13.0	58.8
980 Northeast	2003	47.6	36.4	33.8	2.6	76.5	7.1	71.0
	2004	47.6	34.9	33.3	1.6	73.3	4.6	70.0

<sup>1</sup> 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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>March 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,222.3	35.2	680.53	18.59	10,712.4	39.4	785.47	2,509.9	17.1	232.64
15 to 24 years	2,128.5	26.7	302.73	10.50	1,049.6	39.0	476.64	1,079.0	14.8	133.56
25 years and over	11,093.8	36.8	753.02	20.14	9,662.9	39.5	819.02	1,430.9	18.9	307.36
Men	6,660.0	37.9	789.38	20.27	5,887.9	40.7	866.13	772.0	16.1	204.07
Women	6,562.3	32.5	570.06	16.88	4,824.5	37.9	687.04	1,737.9	17.6	245.34
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,306.2	35.9	785.24	21.58	3,692.8	38.7	855.46	613.4	19.1	362.47
No union coverage	8,916.1	34.9	629.97	17.14	7,019.6	39.8	748.66	1,896.5	16.5	190.65
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,782.5	36.1	709.81	19.05	9,941.7	39.5	795.01	1,840.8	18.0	249.63
Temporary	1,439.8	27.6	441.00	14.82	770.7	38.9	662.43	669.1	14.6	185.92
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	963.6	40.4	1,181.00	29.32	937.2	41.0	1,202.51	26.4	18.9	418.68
Business, finance and administrative	2,679.3	35.1	640.10	17.83	2,275.8	38.2	707.00	403.5	17.8	262.80
Natural and applied sciences	858.7	38.4	1,020.60	26.59	826.8	39.1	1,043.92	31.9	18.3	416.86
Health	788.0	33.2	747.01	22.18	589.4	37.6	853.31	198.6	20.4	431.59
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,024.8	34.0	874.53	25.54	808.3	38.6	994.37	216.4	17.0	426.93
Art, culture, recreation and sport	273.4	30.9	611.36	18.38	190.8	38.7	799.41	82.6	12.8	176.98
Sales and service	3,509.9	30.1	397.85	12.27	2,158.1	38.4	545.90	1,351.7	16.7	161.47
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,755.6	39.9	741.11	18.38	1,632.3	41.6	779.32	123.2	17.6	235.03
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.8	41.7	730.70	17.01	183.8	45.6	811.11	25.1	12.8	141.74
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,160.3	39.3	660.84	16.66	1,110.0	40.3	681.82	50.3	16.8	197.88
<b>March 2003</b>										
15 years and over	13,033.2	35.1	658.12	18.04	10,504.3	39.4	761.29	2,529.0	17.1	229.58
15 to 24 years	2,160.7	26.7	297.82	10.33	1,077.1	38.9	467.76	1,083.6	14.6	128.90
25 years and over	10,872.5	36.8	729.72	19.58	9,427.1	39.5	794.83	1,445.4	18.9	305.06
Men	6,635.3	37.8	769.02	19.82	5,873.2	40.6	842.68	762.1	16.0	201.30
Women	6,398.0	32.3	543.11	16.20	4,631.1	37.9	658.07	1,766.9	17.5	241.78
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,262.9	35.7	755.17	20.90	3,618.1	38.6	825.98	644.8	19.1	357.89
No union coverage	8,770.3	34.8	610.94	16.66	6,886.2	39.9	727.30	1,884.2	16.4	185.67
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,585.5	36.0	686.95	18.50	9,735.1	39.5	770.45	1,850.4	18.0	247.66
Temporary	1,447.7	27.5	427.38	14.35	769.1	39.0	645.36	678.5	14.4	180.29
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	857.2	40.4	1,119.93	27.93	833.7	41.0	1,137.81	23.5	19.5	484.42
Business, finance and administrative	2,538.3	35.0	619.71	17.32	2,138.1	38.3	689.86	400.2	17.4	244.90
Natural and applied sciences	873.0	38.5	991.14	25.70	844.9	39.2	1,011.13	28.0	17.3	388.81
Health	772.4	32.8	694.07	21.04	547.8	37.7	806.55	224.6	20.6	419.72
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,040.7	33.8	833.78	24.56	819.4	38.3	941.98	221.2	17.4	433.07
Art, culture, recreation and sport	284.0	30.3	580.50	17.67	192.8	38.6	773.28	91.2	12.9	173.10
Sales and service	3,540.3	30.2	405.29	12.39	2,201.3	38.6	555.63	1,339.0	16.6	158.14
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,729.5	39.7	735.07	18.29	1,605.0	41.5	774.44	124.5	17.3	227.41
Occupations unique to primary industry	214.5	40.8	661.09	15.60	185.0	44.9	739.88	29.6	14.9	168.27
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,183.3	39.4	644.38	16.20	1,136.1	40.3	662.85	47.2	18.0	199.69

Related CANSIM tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073

Table 18

Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

Region	Effective from April 11, 2004 to May 8, 2004	Region	Effective from April 11, 2004 to May 8, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	9.4	30. London	6.4
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.2	31. Niagara	6.3
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	7.5
03. Prince Edward Island	11.4	33. Kitchener	5.5
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	7.6
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	17.5	35. South Central Ontario	4.6
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.1	36. Sudbury	8.0
06. Halifax	6.2	37. Thunder Bay	7.7
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	12.1
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	6.6	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	12.2	39. Winnipeg	5.3
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.4	40. Southern Manitoba	5.4
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	28.1
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	21.9	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	6.3	42. Regina	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	9.9	43. Saskatoon	7.0
13. South Central Quebec	6.0	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.4
14. Sherbrooke	6.8	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.4
15. Montérégie	7.1	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	8.7	46. Calgary	5.7
17. Central Quebec	10.2	47. Edmonton	5.5
18. Northwestern Quebec	18.6	48. Northern Alberta	10.7
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	14.3	49. Southern Alberta	5.9
20. Hull	6.2	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	12.3	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	9.3
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	5.6
22. Ottawa	6.8	52. Vancouver	6.9
23. Eastern Ontario	6.5	53. Victoria	6.2
24. Kingston	5.7	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	12.6
25. Central Ontario	4.5	55. Northern British Columbia	14.1
26. Oshawa	5.2	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.6	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.9	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.6	58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

<sup>1</sup> The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://www14.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ei-ae/canadaei.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml).

<sup>3</sup> This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml).

<sup>4</sup> This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills 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.

All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

## 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)*