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Commentary

Following strong gains in the last four months of 2003, employment was little changed in January (+15,000). An increase of 47,000 full-time jobs was offset by a decline in part-time work. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.4%.

Continued strength in full-time employment

In January, gains in full-time employment were offset by losses in part-time employment for youths and adults. Since August 2003, when job growth gained momentum, full-time employment gains total 208,000 (+1.6%) while part-time employment has increased by only 12,000 (+0.4%).

Since last August, employment among adult women has increased by 112,000 (+1.8%), all in full-time. For adult men, employment has risen at a slower pace of 1.1% (+82,000) with the gains in both full and part-time. Youth employment gains over this period total 26,000 (+1.1%), all in full-time.

Due to continued strength in full-time employment, the number of hours worked rose for the third consecutive month, up 1.6% since October.

More health care and social assistance jobs

Employment in health care and social assistance continued on its upward trend with an increase of 25,000 in January. Employment in this sector has shown growth since the summer of 2001, however the momentum has increased since last August (+5.1%). The gain in January was observed in several provinces with the largest increase in Ontario.

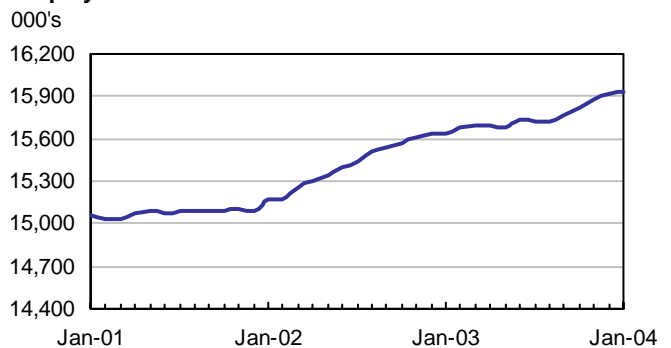
In January, employment increased by 19,000 in professional, scientific and technical services, with gains concentrated in Ontario and Alberta. Despite this increase, employment in this sector has changed little over the last year after strong growth in 2002.

Employment also rose in information, culture and recreation (+11,000). Compared to a year ago, employment in this sector is up 32,000 with the largest increase in amusement, gambling and recreation industries.

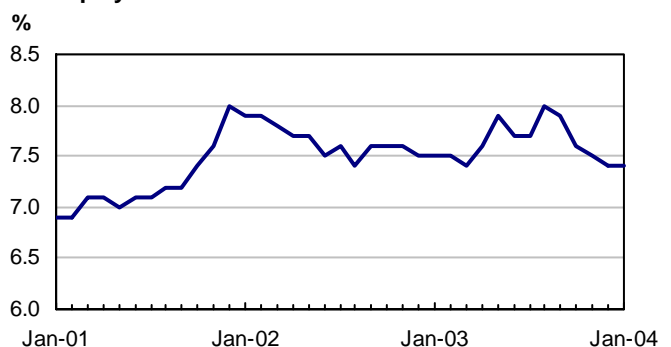
Employment in manufacturing was little changed for the second consecutive month, leaving losses since November 2002 when the downward trend started at 71,000 (-3.0%).

The bitterly cold weather that affected many parts of the country in January may likely be a factor in the decline in employment in accommodation and food services as well as construction.

Employment



Unemployment rate



Employment declined by 17,000 in accommodation and food services with losses observed in most provinces. Following weakness in late spring and summer, employment in this sector had shown signs of recovery in the last quarter of 2003.

Employment also fell in construction in January (-11,000), the result of a large decrease in Ontario. Despite the decline, this sector has experienced robust job growth since 2002.

In January, employment fell by 7,000 in agriculture, offsetting the gain in December. This leaves employment in the sector 2.4% below the level of a year ago. About half of the decline in January occurred in Alberta.

More employment in Ontario

Employment in Ontario increased by 18,000 in January, the second consecutive monthly gain. Since last August when employment growth regained momentum, job gains total 86,000 (+1.4%). The largest increases in January in Ontario were in professional, scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance as well as trade. These gains were partly offset by losses in construction and accommodation and food services. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 6.6%.

In January, employment in Quebec was unchanged as an increase of 26,000 full-time jobs was offset by a decline in part-time. Since January 2003, employment in the province is up only 38,000 (+1.0%). A slight decline in labour force participation in January pushed the unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 9.1%.

Employment rose by 5,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador with the largest gain in food processing manufacturing. This increase leaves employment in the province slightly above the level at the start of 2003. In January, the unemployment rate fell 1.5 percentage points to 16.5%.

Employment in New Brunswick rose by 4,000 in January with gains spread across a number of industries. As more people entered the labour force in search of work, the unemployment rate rose 0.5 percentage points to 10.4%. Employment in the province fluctuated throughout 2003, and the increase in January leaves the number of jobs up only 0.3% from January 2003.

Due to a large decrease in wholesale and retail trade, employment in Alberta declined by 8,000 in January. Despite the decline, employment in the province is 2.9% higher than a year ago. The unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points in January to 5.0%.

In January, the number of jobs in Prince Edward Island edged down 900, leaving employment in the province 2.5% above the level of a year ago. In January, the unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points to 10.8%.

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

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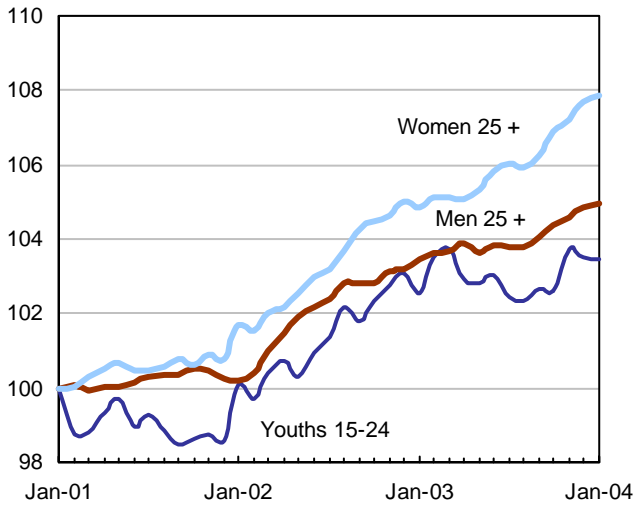
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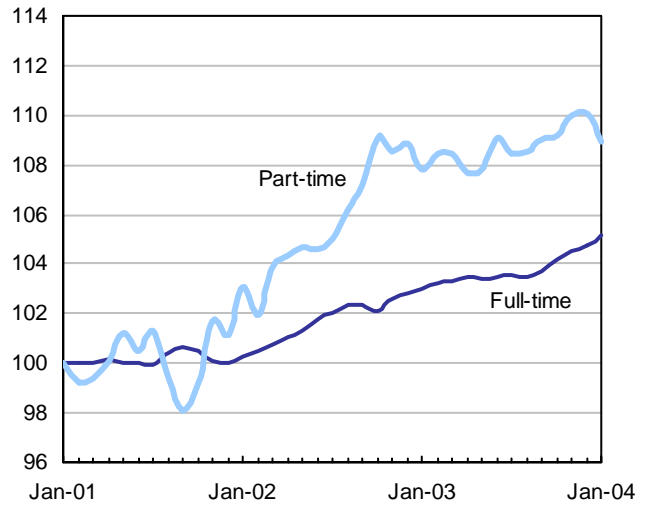
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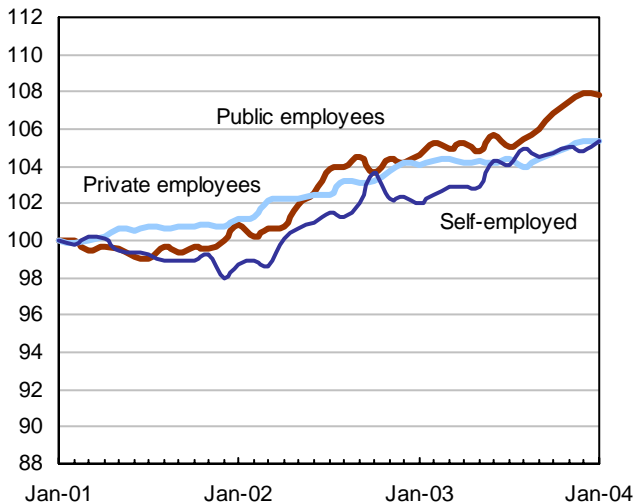
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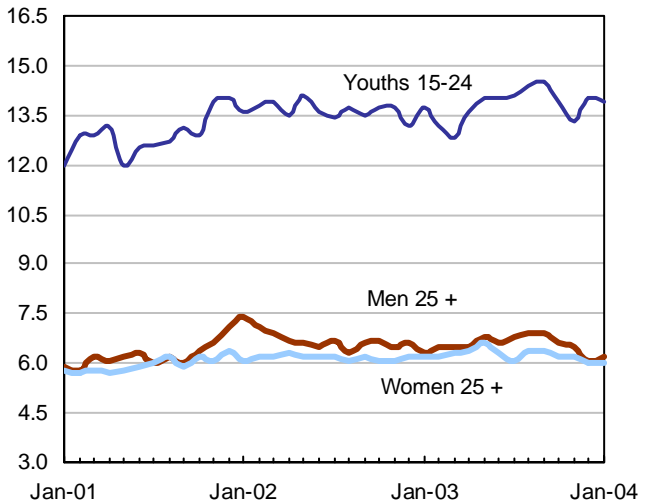
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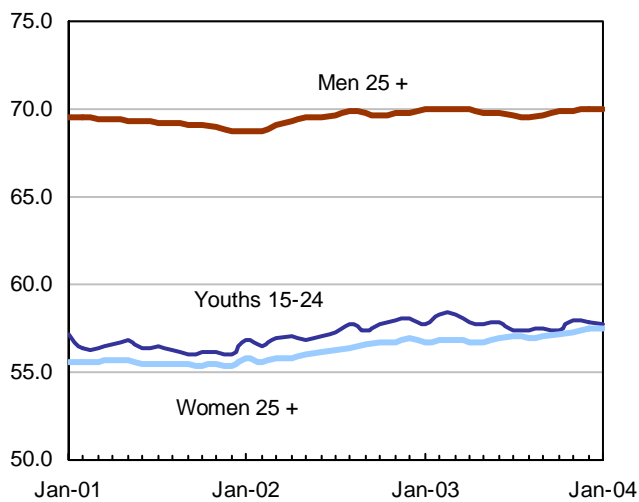
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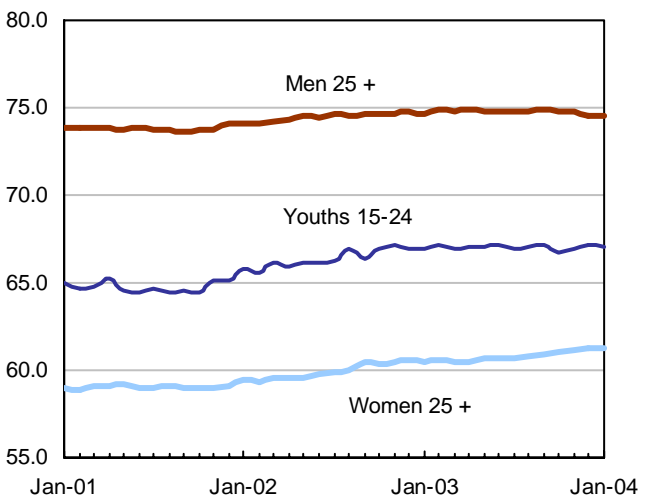
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Employment rate (%)

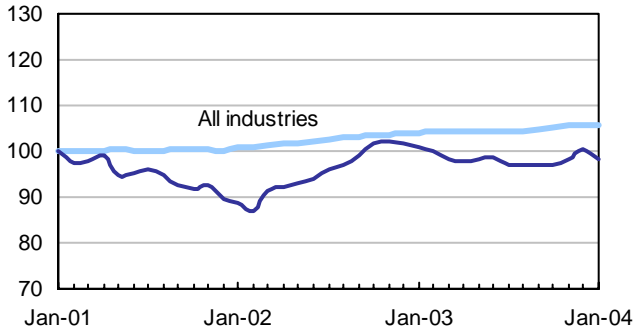


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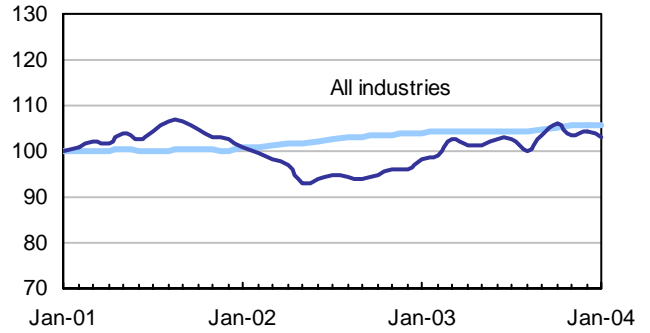


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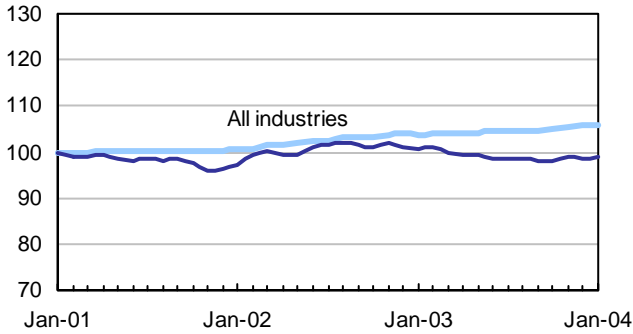
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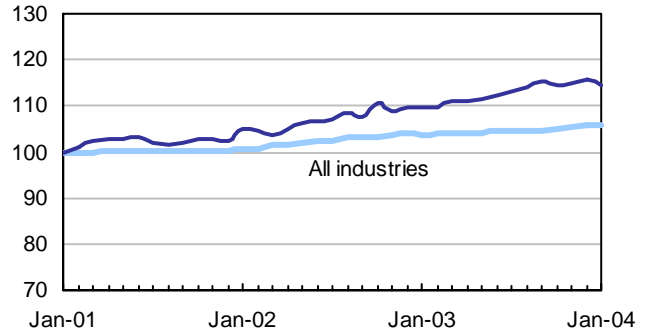
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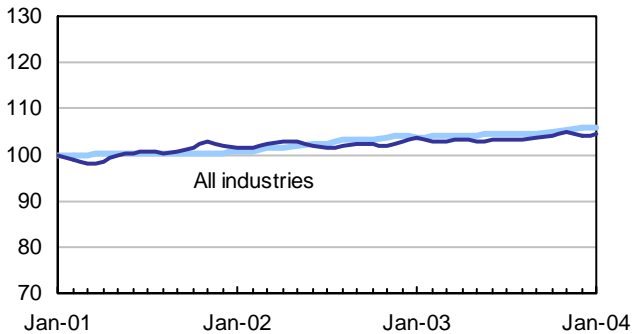
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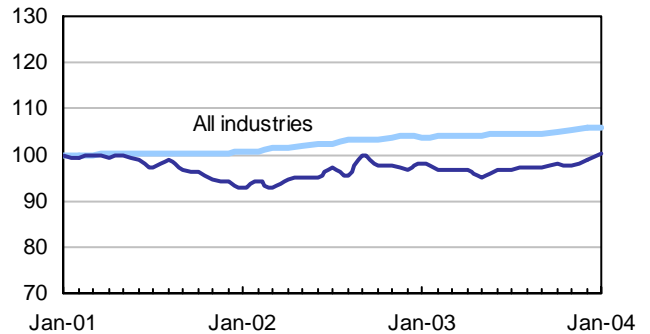
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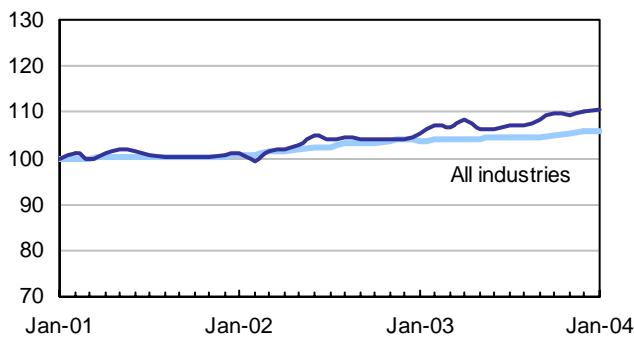
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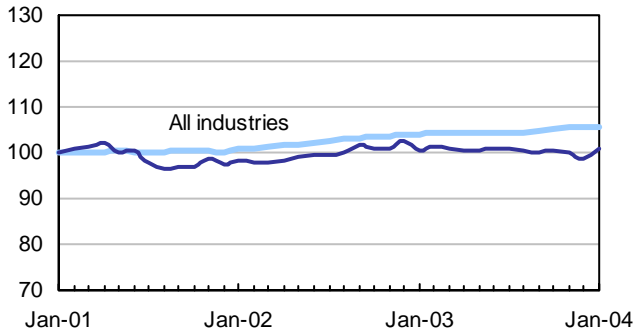


Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing

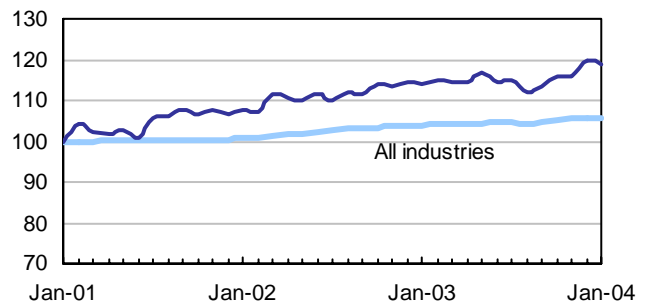


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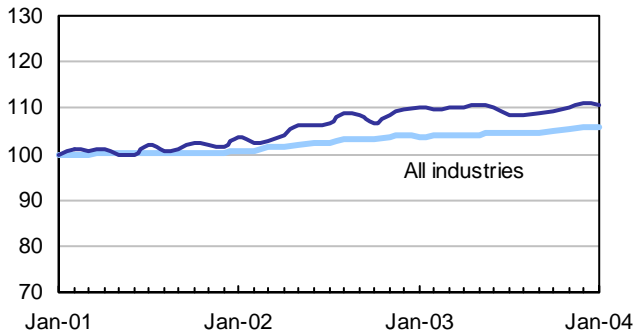
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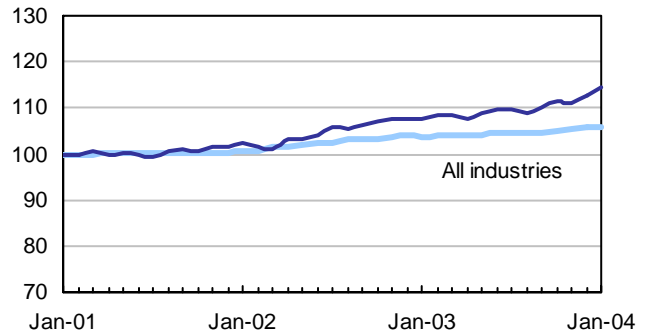
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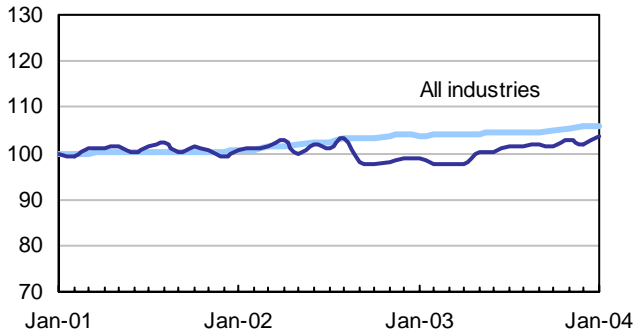
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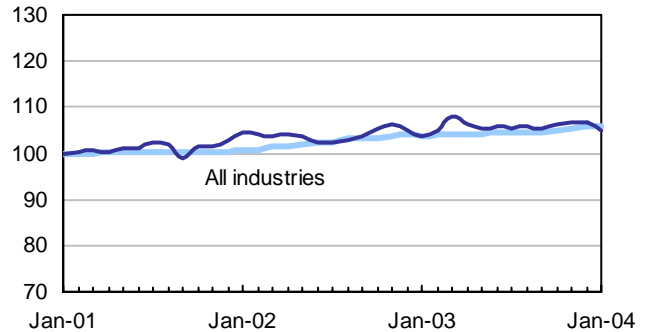
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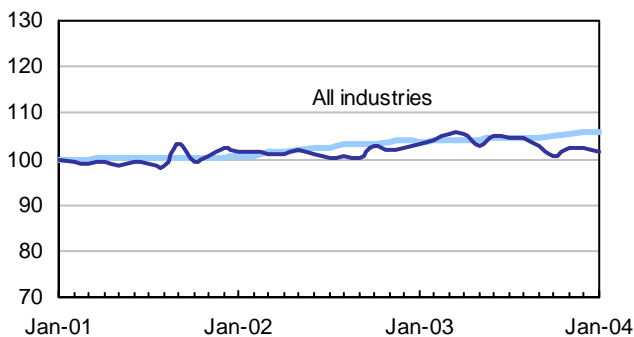
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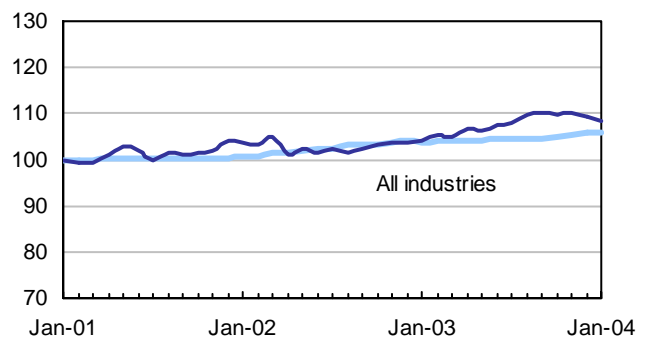
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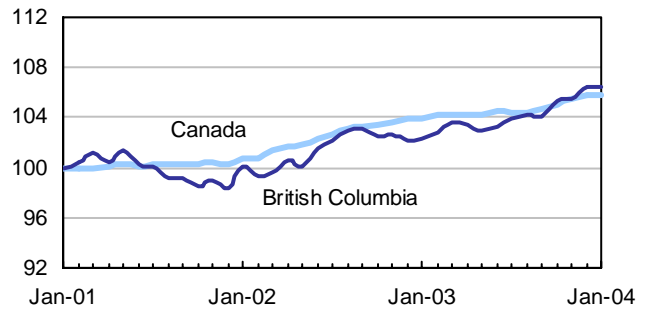
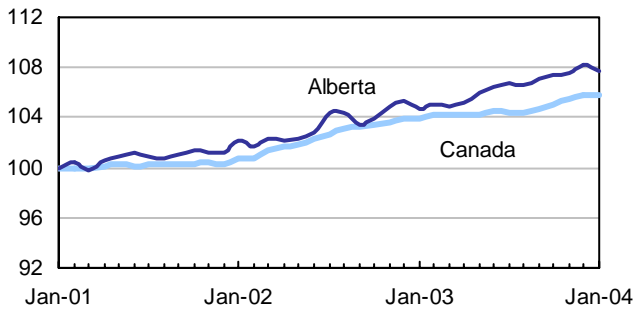
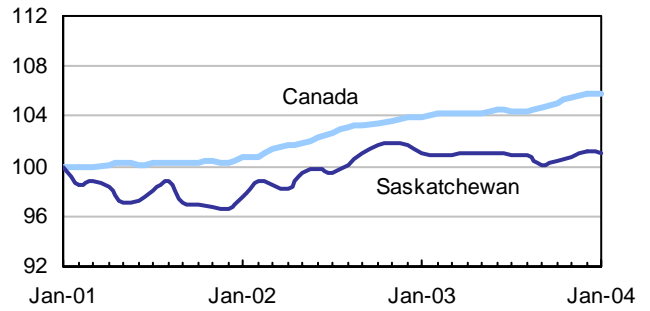
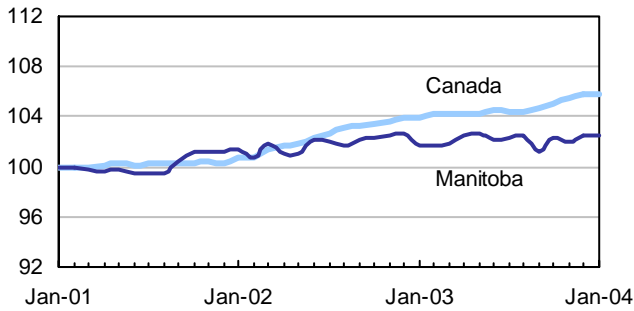
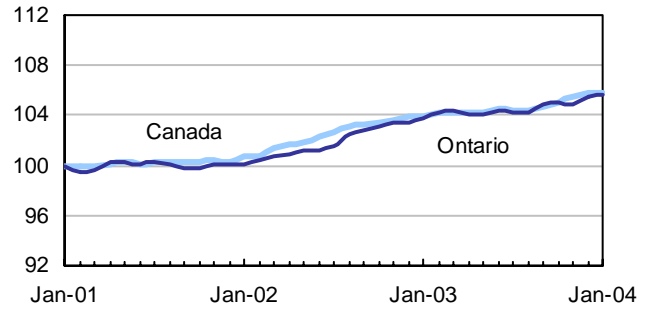
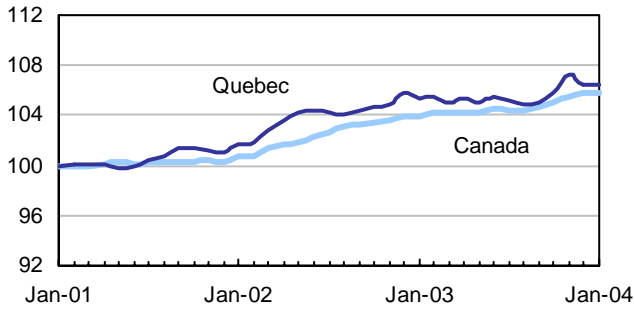
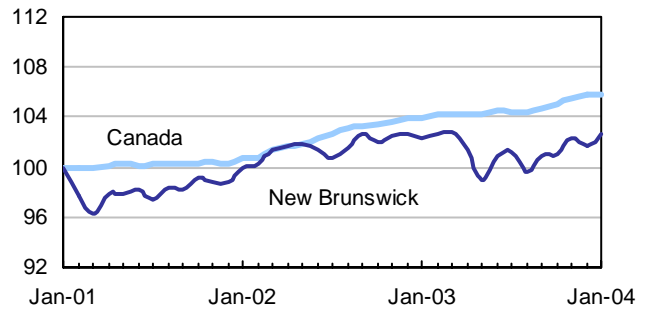
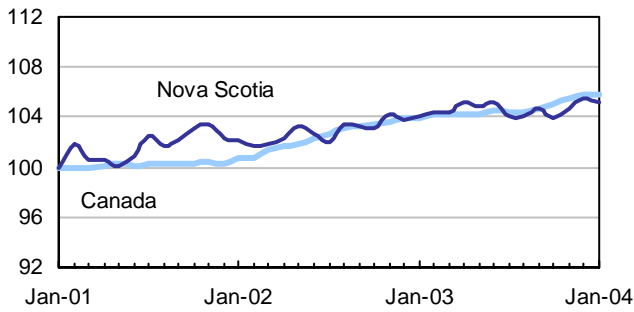
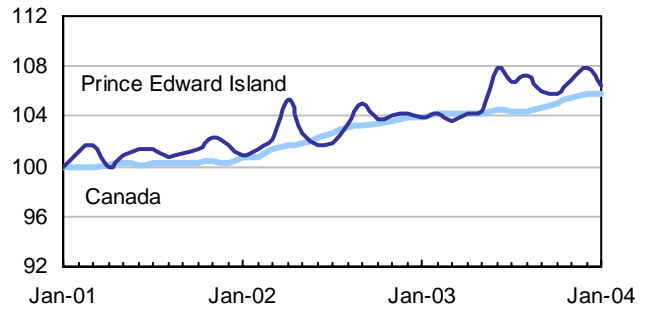
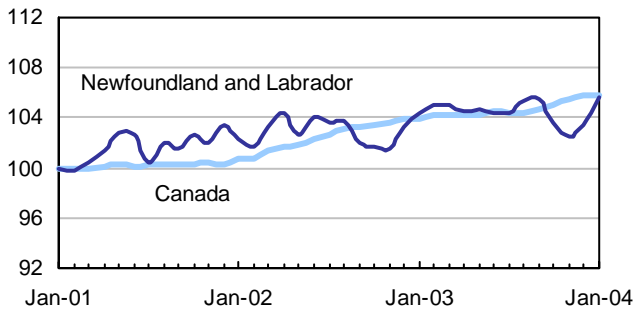
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Table 1

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,403.9	25,436.0	...	32.1	32.1	327.8	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	17,187.4	17,202.4	28.2	15.0	15.0	302.1	0.1	0.1	1.8
Employment	15,920.7	15,935.6	29.1	14.9	14.9	298.5	0.1	0.1	1.9
Employment full-time	12,917.2	12,964.0	34.6	46.8	46.8	268.8	0.4	0.4	2.1
Employment part-time	3,003.4	2,971.5	30.2	-31.9	-31.9	29.5	-1.1	-1.1	1.0
Unemployment	1,266.8	1,266.9	23.6	0.1	0.1	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Participation rate	67.7	67.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,183.1	4,187.2	...	4.1	4.1	38.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,812.2	2,806.5	16.3	-5.7	-5.7	32.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.2
Employment	2,418.8	2,417.5	15.7	-1.3	-1.3	22.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.9
Employment full-time	1,308.9	1,320.5	16.8	11.6	11.6	16.6	0.9	0.9	1.3
Employment part-time	1,110.0	1,097.1	17.3	-12.9	-12.9	5.7	-1.2	-1.2	0.5
Unemployment	393.4	389.0	13.6	-4.4	-4.4	10.3	-1.1	-1.1	2.7
Participation rate	67.2	67.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	13.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.9	45.4	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,349.2	10,362.7	...	13.5	13.5	138.7	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	7,718.9	7,735.1	14.6	16.2	16.2	97.9	0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment	7,247.0	7,254.8	16.2	7.8	7.8	102.5	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment full-time	6,772.3	6,788.2	19.5	15.9	15.9	88.4	0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment part-time	474.7	466.6	13.9	-8.1	-8.1	14.1	-1.7	-1.7	3.1
Unemployment	471.9	480.3	13.6	8.4	8.4	-4.6	1.8	1.8	-0.9
Participation rate	74.6	74.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	70.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,871.5	10,886.0	...	14.5	14.5	150.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	6,656.3	6,660.8	16.4	4.5	4.5	171.6	0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment	6,254.8	6,263.2	16.7	8.4	8.4	173.6	0.1	0.1	2.9
Employment full-time	4,836.0	4,855.4	22.1	19.4	19.4	163.9	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment part-time	1,418.7	1,407.8	19.9	-10.9	-10.9	9.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.7
Unemployment	401.5	397.6	13.0	-3.9	-3.9	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5
Participation rate	61.2	61.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	22.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,139.1	14,146.6	...	7.5	7.5	69.0	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	12,227.9	12,240.2	20.6	12.3	12.3	119.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
Employment	11,474.2	11,488.3	22.6	14.1	14.1	136.5	0.1	0.1	1.2
Unemployment	753.6	751.9	17.9	-1.7	-1.7	-17.3	-0.2	-0.2	-2.2
Participation rate	86.5	86.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,483.3	13,486.7	29.8	3.4	3.4	221.3	0.0	0.0	1.7
Self-employed ²	2,437.4	2,448.9	17.3	11.5	11.5	77.2	0.5	0.5	3.3
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,059.8	3,057.0	17.0	-2.8	-2.8	92.4	-0.1	-0.1	3.1
Private sector employees	10,423.5	10,429.7	29.7	6.2	6.2	128.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Industry	15,920.7	15,935.6	29.1	14.9	14.9	298.5	0.1	0.1	1.9
Goods-producing sector	4,015.3	3,997.9	21.1	-17.4	-17.4	15.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.4
Agriculture	346.5	340.0	6.2	-6.5	-6.5	-8.3	-1.9	-1.9	-2.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	296.0	292.8	5.5	-3.2	-3.2	13.8	-1.1	-1.1	4.9
Utilities	130.7	129.2	3.7	-1.5	-1.5	6.3	-1.1	-1.1	5.1
Construction	957.1	946.1	11.9	-11.0	-11.0	39.2	-1.1	-1.1	4.3
Manufacturing	2,285.0	2,289.8	16.9	4.8	4.8	-36.0	0.2	0.2	-1.5
Services-producing sector	11,905.4	11,937.6	29.9	32.2	32.2	283.3	0.3	0.3	2.4
Trade	2,477.4	2,483.8	17.7	6.4	6.4	24.6	0.3	0.3	1.0
Transportation and warehousing	782.2	789.8	10.2	7.6	7.6	16.6	1.0	1.0	2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	956.7	959.6	11.2	2.9	2.9	43.1	0.3	0.3	4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	984.5	1,003.5	12.5	19.0	19.0	3.7	1.9	1.9	0.4
Business, building and other support services	637.6	633.5	11.0	-4.1	-4.1	26.8	-0.6	-0.6	4.4
Educational services	1,061.1	1,057.5	11.4	-3.6	-3.6	2.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
Health care and social assistance	1,732.2	1,757.5	12.7	25.3	25.3	104.5	1.5	1.5	6.3
Information, culture and recreation	717.0	727.9	10.8	10.9	10.9	32.2	1.5	1.5	4.6
Accommodation and food services	1,029.5	1,012.2	12.7	-17.3	-17.3	11.7	-1.7	-1.7	1.2
Other services	699.6	692.9	10.5	-6.7	-6.7	-12.7	-1.0	-1.0	-1.8
Public administration	827.6	819.5	9.3	-8.1	-8.1	30.8	-1.0	-1.0	3.9

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

² 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	439.4	439.6	...	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	262.8	263.6	2.5	0.8	0.8	-0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.3
Employment	215.6	220.1	2.5	4.5	4.5	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.1
Employment full-time	185.2	187.1	2.6	1.9	1.9	4.1	1.0	1.0	2.2
Employment part-time	30.4	32.9	2.0	2.5	2.5	-1.7	8.2	8.2	-4.9
Unemployment	47.2	43.6	2.3	-3.6	-3.6	-3.2	-7.6	-7.6	-6.8
Participation rate	59.8	60.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.0	16.5	0.8	-1.5	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.1	50.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.7	113.8	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	78.1	77.7	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.0
Employment	70.2	69.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.5
Employment full-time	58.1	58.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	3.4
Employment part-time	12.1	11.0	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-0.1	-9.1	-9.1	-0.9
Unemployment	7.9	8.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	-0.2	6.3	6.3	-2.3
Participation rate	68.7	68.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	60.9	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	762.0	762.6	...	0.6	0.6	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	482.5	485.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	6.6	0.5	0.5	1.4
Employment	439.2	438.1	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	4.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.0
Employment full-time	351.5	353.7	3.8	2.2	2.2	3.7	0.6	0.6	1.1
Employment part-time	87.7	84.4	3.3	-3.3	-3.3	0.7	-3.8	-3.8	0.8
Unemployment	43.3	46.9	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.2	8.3	8.3	4.9
Participation rate	63.3	63.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	610.6	610.8	...	0.2	0.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	384.2	390.4	2.6	6.2	6.2	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.5
Employment	346.1	349.7	2.6	3.6	3.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.3
Employment full-time	293.3	296.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.4
Employment part-time	52.7	53.6	2.2	0.9	0.9	-0.3	1.7	1.7	-0.6
Unemployment	38.1	40.7	2.3	2.6	2.6	0.6	6.8	6.8	1.5
Participation rate	62.9	63.9	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	10.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,112.1	6,118.3	...	6.2	6.2	58.8	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	4,061.8	4,047.1	15.6	-14.7	-14.7	67.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Employment	3,681.9	3,680.4	16.3	-1.5	-1.5	37.6	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,973.9	2,999.4	19.0	25.5	25.5	-0.7	0.9	0.9	0.0
Employment part-time	708.0	681.0	16.2	-27.0	-27.0	38.3	-3.8	-3.8	6.0
Unemployment	379.9	366.7	13.8	-13.2	-13.2	29.6	-3.5	-3.5	8.8
Participation rate	66.5	66.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...

Table 3

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,857.3	9,872.4	...	15.1	15.1	159.4	0.2	0.2	1.6
Labour force	6,736.2	6,749.9	18.2	13.7	13.7	112.9	0.2	0.2	1.7
Employment	6,285.8	6,303.8	18.5	18.0	18.0	117.1	0.3	0.3	1.9
Employment full-time	5,146.2	5,170.2	22.1	24.0	24.0	112.9	0.5	0.5	2.2
Employment part-time	1,139.7	1,133.6	19.5	-6.1	-6.1	4.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.4
Unemployment	450.4	446.2	15.0	-4.2	-4.2	-4.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	871.9	872.7	...	0.8	0.8	7.8	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	600.8	602.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	7.2	0.3	0.3	1.2
Employment	570.6	571.1	2.9	0.5	0.5	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	461.3	457.9	3.6	-3.4	-3.4	5.0	-0.7	-0.7	1.1
Employment part-time	109.3	113.2	3.3	3.9	3.9	-0.4	3.6	3.6	-0.4
Unemployment	30.3	31.4	2.2	1.1	1.1	2.5	3.6	3.6	8.7
Participation rate	68.9	69.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	756.2	756.5	...	0.3	0.3	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	517.8	516.4	2.6	-1.4	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Employment	488.4	487.4	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Employment full-time	392.4	394.9	3.2	2.5	2.5	3.4	0.6	0.6	0.9
Employment part-time	96.1	92.5	2.9	-3.6	-3.6	-3.7	-3.7	-3.7	-3.8
Unemployment	29.3	29.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0
Participation rate	68.5	68.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,493.7	2,497.3	...	3.6	3.6	47.9	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	1,840.7	1,834.0	7.6	-6.7	-6.7	41.5	-0.4	-0.4	2.3
Employment	1,751.5	1,743.3	8.1	-8.2	-8.2	48.8	-0.5	-0.5	2.9
Employment full-time	1,433.7	1,429.7	10.3	-4.0	-4.0	40.2	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment part-time	317.8	313.5	9.1	-4.3	-4.3	8.5	-1.4	-1.4	2.8
Unemployment	89.2	90.8	5.7	1.6	1.6	-7.2	1.8	1.8	-7.3
Participation rate	73.8	73.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	69.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,386.9	3,391.9	...	5.0	5.0	46.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	2,222.6	2,235.7	11.1	13.1	13.1	65.0	0.6	0.6	3.0
Employment	2,071.4	2,072.4	11.4	1.0	1.0	80.9	0.0	0.0	4.1
Employment full-time	1,621.5	1,616.5	13.7	-5.0	-5.0	96.7	-0.3	-0.3	6.4
Employment part-time	449.9	455.9	12.0	6.0	6.0	-15.8	1.3	1.3	-3.3
Unemployment	151.1	163.3	9.0	12.2	12.2	-15.9	8.1	8.1	-8.9
Participation rate	65.6	65.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	439.4	439.6	...	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	262.8	263.6	2.5	0.8	0.8	-0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.3
Employment	215.6	220.1	2.5	4.5	4.5	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.1
Employment full-time	185.2	187.1	2.6	1.9	1.9	4.1	1.0	1.0	2.2
Unemployment	47.2	43.6	2.3	-3.6	-3.6	-3.2	-7.6	-7.6	-6.8
Participation rate	59.8	60.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.0	16.5	0.8	-1.5	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.1	50.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.1	14.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	72.5	72.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1	-2.4
Labour force	39.7	39.2	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-2.8	-1.3	-1.3	-6.7
Employment	28.2	30.4	1.3	2.2	2.2	-0.9	7.8	7.8	-2.9
Unemployment	11.5	8.8	1.1	-2.7	-2.7	-1.9	-23.5	-23.5	-17.8
Participation rate	54.8	54.1	1.8	-0.7	-0.7	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	29.0	22.4	2.5	-6.6	-6.6	-3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.9	42.0	1.7	3.1	3.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.9	39.5	3.6	1.5	1.5	-4.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	179.0	179.1	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	118.1	119.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.1	1.3	1.3	0.1
Employment	97.8	98.9	1.5	1.1	1.1	-0.1	1.1	1.1	-0.1
Unemployment	20.3	20.7	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	2.0	2.0	1.0
Participation rate	66.0	66.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.2	17.3	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	55.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.6	5.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.9	188.1	...	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	105.1	104.8	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	1.8
Employment	89.6	90.8	1.4	1.2	1.2	3.5	1.3	1.3	4.0
Unemployment	15.5	14.0	1.2	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-9.7	-9.7	-10.3
Participation rate	55.9	55.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	13.4	1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.7	48.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.6	1.3	0.7	0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	215.6	220.1	2.5	4.5	4.5	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	48.4	52.2	1.6	3.8	3.8	8.1	7.9	7.9	18.4
Agriculture	1.1	0.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.5	-27.3	-27.3	-65.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.0	19.2	0.9	1.2	1.2	4.9	6.7	6.7	34.3
Utilities	2.2	2.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-9.1	-9.1	-9.1
Construction	10.2	10.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	3.9	3.9	1.9
Manufacturing	16.8	19.6	1.0	2.8	2.8	4.8	16.7	16.7	32.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	167.2	167.9	2.2	0.7	0.7	-5.5	0.4	0.4	-3.2
Trade	35.0	36.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	-3.2	3.7	3.7	-8.1
Transportation and warehousing	12.5	12.8	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	2.4	2.4	1.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.7	8.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.2	3.9	3.9	17.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.4	7.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-2.7	-2.7	-8.9
Business, building and other support services	7.9	6.8	0.7	-1.1	-1.1	-2.1	-13.9	-13.9	-23.6
Educational services	16.4	17.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.2	3.7	3.7	1.2
Health care and social assistance	31.3	31.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	-1.7	1.9	1.9	-5.1
Information, culture and recreation	7.2	6.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.5	-8.3	-8.3	8.2
Accommodation and food services	12.7	12.8	0.9	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.8	0.8	-3.8
Other services	13.1	12.9	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	1.1	-1.5	-1.5	9.3
Public administration	16.0	15.5	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-3.1	-3.1	-4.3

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	113.7	113.8	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	78.1	77.7	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.0
Employment	70.2	69.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.5
Employment full-time	58.1	58.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	3.4
Unemployment	7.9	8.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	-0.2	6.3	6.3	-2.3
Participation rate	68.7	68.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	60.9	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	15.9	0.9	-1.4	-1.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.1	20.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	13.5	13.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-4.3
Employment	11.7	11.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-2.6	-2.6	-5.0
Unemployment	1.8	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	16.7	16.7	0.0
Participation rate	67.2	67.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	15.6	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	56.7	2.0	-1.5	-1.5	-3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.0	38.6	3.2	-2.4	-2.4	1.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.2	45.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.1
Labour force	33.1	32.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	1.5
Employment	29.9	29.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.7	-1.7	-1.7	2.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.2	9.4	9.4	-5.4
Participation rate	73.2	72.8	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	10.6	1.1	0.9	0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	65.0	0.9	-1.2	-1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.0	4.4	1.0	0.4	0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.4	48.5	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	31.6	31.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.5	-0.9	-0.9	5.0
Employment	28.6	28.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	-0.3	-0.3	5.9
Unemployment	3.0	2.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-3.3	-3.3	0.0
Participation rate	65.3	64.5	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	58.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	18.6	1.4	-3.1	-3.1	1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	70.2	69.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	18.8	18.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	6.9
Agriculture	4.2	3.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-7.1	-7.1	14.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.8	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	33.3
Construction	4.2	4.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	2.4	2.4	-2.3
Manufacturing	7.1	7.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.4	1.4	9.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	51.4	50.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.7	-1.2	-1.2	1.4
Trade	10.8	10.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.9	0.9	14.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	2.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-17.9	-17.9	-14.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.6	2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-3.8	-3.8	31.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.7	2.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-11.1	-11.1	-17.2
Business, building and other support services	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5	4.3	4.3	-17.2
Educational services	4.9	4.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-4.1	-4.1	-2.1
Health care and social assistance	7.8	7.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6
Information, culture and recreation	2.6	2.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-3.7
Accommodation and food services	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Other services	3.6	3.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-5.6	-5.6	-2.9
Public administration	6.5	6.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.1	3.1	3.1

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	762.0	762.6	...	0.6	0.6	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	482.5	485.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	6.6	0.5	0.5	1.4
Employment	439.2	438.1	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	4.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.0
Employment full-time	351.5	353.7	3.8	2.2	2.2	3.7	0.6	0.6	1.1
Unemployment	43.3	46.9	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.2	8.3	8.3	4.9
Participation rate	63.3	63.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	19.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.9	124.0	...	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	83.0	82.9	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment	70.7	69.7	1.9	-1.0	-1.0	-0.6	-1.4	-1.4	-0.9
Unemployment	12.3	13.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	6.5	6.5	8.3
Participation rate	67.0	66.9	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.8	15.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.2	1.6	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.0	45.5	2.4	-1.5	-1.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	304.7	304.9	...	0.2	0.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	210.6	211.3	1.6	0.7	0.7	3.1	0.3	0.3	1.5
Employment	193.0	192.2	1.9	-0.8	-0.8	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.7
Unemployment	17.6	19.1	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7	8.5	8.5	9.8
Participation rate	69.1	69.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	6.2	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	333.5	333.7	...	0.2	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	188.9	190.9	1.6	2.0	2.0	3.1	1.1	1.1	1.7
Employment	175.5	176.2	1.6	0.7	0.7	3.6	0.4	0.4	2.1
Unemployment	13.4	14.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	-0.6	9.0	9.0	-3.9
Participation rate	56.6	57.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	52.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	23.2	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	439.2	438.1	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	4.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	99.7	97.7	2.3	-2.0	-2.0	1.3	-2.0	-2.0	1.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.6	6.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-3.0	-3.0	-5.9
Utilities	14.4	13.9	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4	-3.5	-3.5	-9.2
Construction	2.7	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	7.4	7.4	0.0
Manufacturing	28.3	29.0	1.4	0.7	0.7	5.0	2.5	2.5	20.8
Services-producing sector	47.7	45.5	1.5	-2.2	-2.2	-1.9	-4.6	-4.6	-4.0
Services-producing sector	339.4	340.4	3.0	1.0	1.0	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.9
Trade	74.7	74.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	20.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	19.6	20.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	-0.8	5.6	5.6	-3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.6	18.3	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-1.8	-1.6	-1.6	-9.0
Business, building and other support services	24.1	24.7	1.2	0.6	0.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	11.8
Educational services	33.8	33.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-1.5	-1.5	-2.6
Health care and social assistance	55.0	57.1	1.3	2.1	2.1	4.7	3.8	3.8	9.0
Information, culture and recreation	18.8	18.5	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.0	-1.6	-1.6	12.1
Accommodation and food services	26.3	25.9	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.8	-1.5	-1.5	-6.5
Other services	19.1	18.3	1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-4.9	-4.2	-4.2	-21.1
Public administration	29.4	28.8	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	3.2	-2.0	-2.0	12.5

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	610.6	610.8	...	0.2	0.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	384.2	390.4	2.6	6.2	6.2	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.5
Employment	346.1	349.7	2.6	3.6	3.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.3
Employment full-time	293.3	296.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.4
Unemployment	38.1	40.7	2.3	2.6	2.6	0.6	6.8	6.8	1.5
Participation rate	62.9	63.9	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	10.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.2	15.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.3	97.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	64.2	64.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	53.7	53.2	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.7
Unemployment	10.5	10.9	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.7	3.8	3.8	18.5
Participation rate	66.0	66.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	17.0	1.7	0.6	0.6	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	54.7	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.9	40.6	2.2	0.8	0.8	5.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	248.1	248.3	...	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	171.2	174.3	1.5	3.1	3.1	0.7	1.8	1.8	0.4
Employment	153.9	155.0	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Unemployment	17.3	19.2	1.5	1.9	1.9	-0.3	11.0	11.0	-1.5
Participation rate	69.0	70.2	0.6	1.2	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	11.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.1	4.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	265.2	265.3	...	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	148.8	152.0	1.4	3.2	3.2	0.2	2.2	2.2	0.1
Employment	138.4	141.4	1.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	2.2	2.2	0.7
Unemployment	10.3	10.6	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.8	2.9	2.9	-7.0
Participation rate	56.1	57.3	0.5	1.2	1.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.2	53.3	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	17.8	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	346.1	349.6	2.6	3.5	3.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	84.2	86.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.1	2.1	2.1	5.0
Agriculture	4.6	5.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	-1.3	19.6	19.6	-19.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.1	12.5	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.0	3.3	3.3	8.7
Utilities	3.4	3.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-5.9	-5.9	-15.8
Construction	19.5	19.0	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-2.6	-2.6	-4.5
Manufacturing	44.6	45.9	1.2	1.3	1.3	6.0	2.9	2.9	15.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	261.9	263.6	2.4	1.7	1.7	-3.0	0.6	0.6	-1.1
Trade	55.8	54.8	1.3	-1.0	-1.0	0.3	-1.8	-1.8	0.6
Transportation and warehousing	17.6	17.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	-1.6	0.6	0.6	-8.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.8	14.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	5.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.4	14.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.7	-0.7	-7.7
Business, building and other support services	21.6	20.7	1.0	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	-4.2	-4.2	0.0
Educational services	24.2	25.6	0.8	1.4	1.4	4.1	5.8	5.8	19.1
Health care and social assistance	46.8	48.5	1.1	1.7	1.7	4.7	3.6	3.6	10.7
Information, culture and recreation	9.8	10.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	-3.1	6.1	6.1	-23.0
Accommodation and food services	21.8	22.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	-1.0	5.0	5.0	-4.2
Other services	17.0	15.4	0.9	-1.6	-1.6	-3.2	-9.4	-9.4	-17.2
Public administration	18.0	18.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	-2.8	3.9	3.9	-13.0

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 8

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,112.1	6,118.3	...	6.2	6.2	58.8	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	4,061.8	4,047.1	15.6	-14.7	-14.7	67.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Employment	3,681.9	3,680.4	16.3	-1.5	-1.5	37.6	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,973.9	2,999.4	19.0	25.5	25.5	-0.7	0.9	0.9	0.0
Unemployment	379.9	366.7	13.8	-13.2	-13.2	29.6	-3.5	-3.5	8.8
Participation rate	66.5	66.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	18.5	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	950.2	950.1	...	-0.1	-0.1	-4.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	651.1	642.5	8.7	-8.6	-8.6	3.4	-1.3	-1.3	0.5
Employment	545.7	544.6	8.6	-1.1	-1.1	-8.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5
Unemployment	105.3	98.0	7.5	-7.3	-7.3	11.7	-6.9	-6.9	13.6
Participation rate	68.5	67.6	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.2	15.3	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.8	43.6	1.5	-2.2	-2.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,517.2	2,520.4	...	3.2	3.2	31.3	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	1,845.7	1,843.2	8.5	-2.5	-2.5	15.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.9
Employment	1,694.2	1,694.3	9.5	0.1	0.1	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Unemployment	151.5	148.9	8.2	-2.6	-2.6	8.3	-1.7	-1.7	5.9
Participation rate	73.3	73.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	7.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,644.7	2,647.8	...	3.1	3.1	31.4	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	1,565.1	1,561.4	9.0	-3.7	-3.7	48.0	-0.2	-0.2	3.2
Employment	1,441.9	1,441.5	9.2	-0.4	-0.4	38.3	0.0	0.0	2.7
Unemployment	123.1	119.8	7.7	-3.3	-3.3	9.6	-2.7	-2.7	8.7
Participation rate	59.2	59.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	54.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	21.7	0.7	-1.3	-1.3	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,681.9	3,680.4	16.3	-1.5	-1.5	37.6	0.0	0.0	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	926.1	928.8	11.3	2.7	2.7	-23.3	0.3	0.3	-2.4
Agriculture	57.0	55.4	2.7	-1.6	-1.6	-13.1	-2.8	-2.8	-19.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.7	39.0	2.4	0.3	0.3	2.1	0.8	0.8	5.7
Utilities	29.7	28.6	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.4	-3.7	-3.7	-4.7
Construction	177.8	177.7	5.7	-0.1	-0.1	19.7	-0.1	-0.1	12.5
Manufacturing	623.0	628.0	9.6	5.0	5.0	-30.8	0.8	0.8	-4.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,755.7	2,751.7	16.2	-4.0	-4.0	61.0	-0.1	-0.1	2.3
Trade	605.7	597.8	10.3	-7.9	-7.9	-9.4	-1.3	-1.3	-1.5
Transportation and warehousing	163.6	171.5	5.3	7.9	7.9	9.9	4.8	4.8	6.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	200.7	199.4	5.7	-1.3	-1.3	14.6	-0.6	-0.6	7.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	212.5	212.8	6.4	0.3	0.3	-1.0	0.1	0.1	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	112.4	113.3	5.5	0.9	0.9	-6.3	0.8	0.8	-5.3
Educational services	254.8	249.0	6.5	-5.8	-5.8	1.7	-2.3	-2.3	0.7
Health care and social assistance	452.2	456.4	7.6	4.2	4.2	34.2	0.9	0.9	8.1
Information, culture and recreation	161.3	164.0	5.9	2.7	2.7	5.5	1.7	1.7	3.5
Accommodation and food services	210.3	207.8	6.8	-2.5	-2.5	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-0.5
Other services	167.7	167.1	5.9	-0.6	-0.6	4.5	-0.4	-0.4	2.8
Public administration	214.5	212.7	5.4	-1.8	-1.8	8.4	-0.8	-0.8	4.1

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,857.3	9,872.4	...	15.1	15.1	159.4	0.2	0.2	1.6
Labour force	6,736.2	6,749.9	18.2	13.7	13.7	112.9	0.2	0.2	1.7
Employment	6,285.8	6,303.8	18.5	18.0	18.0	117.1	0.3	0.3	1.9
Employment full-time	5,146.2	5,170.2	22.1	24.0	24.0	112.9	0.5	0.5	2.2
Unemployment	450.4	446.2	15.0	-4.2	-4.2	-4.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,611.1	1,614.1	...	3.0	3.0	29.3	0.2	0.2	1.8
Labour force	1,078.5	1,076.8	10.8	-1.7	-1.7	19.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.8
Employment	919.5	927.3	10.2	7.8	7.8	13.9	0.8	0.8	1.5
Unemployment	159.0	149.5	9.1	-9.5	-9.5	5.5	-6.0	-6.0	3.8
Participation rate	66.9	66.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	13.9	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.5	48.4	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,006.3	4,012.0	...	5.7	5.7	61.8	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	3,019.9	3,024.6	9.1	4.7	4.7	22.4	0.2	0.2	0.7
Employment	2,870.6	2,870.3	10.1	-0.3	-0.3	36.3	0.0	0.0	1.3
Unemployment	149.3	154.3	8.2	5.0	5.0	-13.9	3.3	3.3	-8.3
Participation rate	75.4	75.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,239.9	4,246.4	...	6.5	6.5	68.4	0.2	0.2	1.6
Labour force	2,637.8	2,648.5	10.9	10.7	10.7	71.1	0.4	0.4	2.8
Employment	2,495.8	2,506.2	11.0	10.4	10.4	66.9	0.4	0.4	2.7
Unemployment	142.0	142.4	8.4	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.3	0.3	3.1
Participation rate	62.2	62.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	21.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,285.8	6,303.8	18.5	18.0	18.0	117.1	0.3	0.3	1.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,652.0	1,631.5	14.2	-20.5	-20.5	-26.8	-1.2	-1.2	-1.6
Agriculture	87.1	86.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.0	4.9	-1.1	-1.1	6.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.8	31.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	-4.6	0.0	0.0	-12.6
Utilities	55.0	56.0	2.7	1.0	1.0	10.3	1.8	1.8	22.5
Construction	395.3	368.9	7.9	-26.4	-26.4	-9.9	-6.7	-6.7	-2.6
Manufacturing	1,082.8	1,088.7	12.2	5.9	5.9	-27.5	0.5	0.5	-2.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,633.9	4,672.3	19.8	38.4	38.4	143.8	0.8	0.8	3.2
Trade	938.4	949.9	11.3	11.5	11.5	11.5	1.2	1.2	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	294.6	298.1	6.8	3.5	3.5	11.8	1.2	1.2	4.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	433.9	442.7	8.1	8.8	8.8	18.5	2.0	2.0	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	415.7	429.5	8.9	13.8	13.8	-16.2	3.3	3.3	-3.6
Business, building and other support services	289.8	289.7	7.8	-0.1	-0.1	34.5	0.0	0.0	13.5
Educational services	393.1	394.6	7.2	1.5	1.5	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.7
Health care and social assistance	625.9	639.2	7.9	13.3	13.3	55.2	2.1	2.1	9.5
Information, culture and recreation	292.0	299.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	16.1	2.5	2.5	5.7
Accommodation and food services	384.6	374.1	8.2	-10.5	-10.5	12.1	-2.7	-2.7	3.3
Other services	252.6	248.6	6.8	-4.0	-4.0	-11.7	-1.6	-1.6	-4.5
Public administration	313.4	306.7	6.0	-6.7	-6.7	9.4	-2.1	-2.1	3.2

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	871.9	872.7	...	0.8	0.8	7.8	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	600.8	602.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	7.2	0.3	0.3	1.2
Employment	570.6	571.1	2.9	0.5	0.5	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	461.3	457.9	3.6	-3.4	-3.4	5.0	-0.7	-0.7	1.1
Unemployment	30.3	31.4	2.2	1.1	1.1	2.5	3.6	3.6	8.7
Participation rate	68.9	69.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	151.0	151.2	...	0.2	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	107.0	109.5	1.7	2.5	2.5	-0.4	2.3	2.3	-0.4
Employment	97.7	98.4	1.7	0.7	0.7	-1.1	0.7	0.7	-1.1
Unemployment	9.3	11.1	1.4	1.8	1.8	0.7	19.4	19.4	6.7
Participation rate	70.9	72.4	1.1	1.5	1.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	10.1	1.2	1.4	1.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.0	44.4	1.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	352.0	352.3	...	0.3	0.3	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	265.4	265.3	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
Employment	253.6	254.3	1.5	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.8
Unemployment	11.8	11.0	1.2	-0.8	-0.8	1.1	-6.8	-6.8	11.1
Participation rate	75.4	75.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.0	72.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	7.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	369.0	369.2	...	0.2	0.2	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	228.4	227.7	1.6	-0.7	-0.7	4.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.9
Employment	219.2	218.4	1.6	-0.8	-0.8	3.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Unemployment	9.2	9.3	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.1	1.1	8.1
Participation rate	61.9	61.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	59.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	23.6	1.0	1.7	1.7	-2.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	570.6	571.1	2.9	0.5	0.5	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	142.7	144.2	2.1	1.5	1.5	6.1	1.1	1.1	4.4
Agriculture	31.7	31.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.6	-1.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.0	5.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-3.3	-3.3	1.8
Utilities	6.6	7.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.7	12.1	12.1	10.4
Construction	26.5	27.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.1	2.6	2.6	4.2
Manufacturing	72.0	71.9	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	4.7	-0.1	-0.1	7.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	427.8	426.9	3.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Trade	85.5	85.3	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	34.3	34.2	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	-3.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.0	28.0	1.0	-2.0	-2.0	1.3	-6.7	-6.7	4.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.7	23.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	3.5
Business, building and other support services	16.5	18.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	-3.2	9.1	9.1	-15.1
Educational services	42.9	44.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.6	2.6	2.6
Health care and social assistance	74.9	76.6	1.3	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.8
Information, culture and recreation	23.5	23.2	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	-1.3	-1.3	4.0
Accommodation and food services	39.4	37.6	1.4	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-4.6	-4.6	-4.6
Other services	24.4	23.2	1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-4.4	-4.9	-4.9	-15.9
Public administration	32.9	33.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.3	4.4

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	756.2	756.5	...	0.3	0.3	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	517.8	516.4	2.6	-1.4	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Employment	488.4	487.4	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Employment full-time	392.4	394.9	3.2	2.5	2.5	3.4	0.6	0.6	0.9
Unemployment	29.3	29.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0
Participation rate	68.5	68.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	19.0	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.2	138.2	...	0.0	0.0	-1.3	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Labour force	93.3	93.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	-2.5	0.3	0.3	-2.6
Employment	81.7	81.9	1.6	0.2	0.2	-4.0	0.2	0.2	-4.7
Unemployment	11.6	11.7	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.9	0.9	14.7
Participation rate	67.5	67.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	12.5	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.3	1.1	0.2	0.2	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.1	40.5	1.7	-1.6	-1.6	0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.3	301.4	...	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	229.1	228.9	1.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
Employment	218.5	218.9	1.4	0.4	0.4	3.5	0.2	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	10.7	10.0	1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-2.3	-6.5	-6.5	-18.7
Participation rate	76.0	75.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	5.7	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.7	316.9	...	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	195.4	193.8	1.5	-1.6	-1.6	0.3	-0.8	-0.8	0.2
Employment	188.3	186.6	1.5	-1.7	-1.7	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.1
Unemployment	7.1	7.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
Participation rate	61.7	61.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	58.9	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.9	25.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	488.4	487.4	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	125.7	125.8	2.0	0.1	0.1	2.3	0.1	0.1	1.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	48.9	48.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.2
Utilities	20.6	20.2	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	3.4	-1.9	-1.9	20.2
Construction	4.6	5.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	10.9	10.9	13.3
Manufacturing	22.9	23.4	1.0	0.5	0.5	-2.0	2.2	2.2	-7.9
Services-producing sector									
Trade	28.8	28.3	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	-1.7	-1.7	0.0
Transportation and warehousing	362.7	361.6	2.7	-1.1	-1.1	-2.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	79.6	78.1	1.4	-1.5	-1.5	1.0	-1.9	-1.9	1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.3	22.4	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-3.9	-3.9	-3.4
Business, building and other support services	26.9	26.2	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-1.6	-2.6	-2.6	-5.8
Educational services	17.3	17.2	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-2.8
Health care and social assistance	12.2	12.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	4.1	4.1	5.0
Information, culture and recreation	40.6	40.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.5
Accommodation and food services	57.3	58.0	1.1	0.7	0.7	-2.3	1.2	1.2	-3.8
Other services	23.3	24.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	17.1
Public administration	34.1	33.6	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-4.0
	20.8	21.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	-2.3	4.3	4.3	-9.6
	27.3	27.2	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	3.0

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,493.7	2,497.3	...	3.6	3.6	47.9	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	1,840.7	1,834.0	7.6	-6.7	-6.7	41.5	-0.4	-0.4	2.3
Employment	1,751.5	1,743.3	8.1	-8.2	-8.2	48.8	-0.5	-0.5	2.9
Employment full-time	1,433.7	1,429.7	10.3	-4.0	-4.0	40.2	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Unemployment	89.2	90.8	5.7	1.6	1.6	-7.2	1.8	1.8	-7.3
Participation rate	73.8	73.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	69.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	466.3	466.6	...	0.3	0.3	6.5	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	326.9	327.5	4.7	0.6	0.6	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.8
Employment	300.2	296.7	4.7	-3.5	-3.5	10.0	-1.2	-1.2	3.5
Unemployment	26.7	30.8	3.4	4.1	4.1	-7.5	15.4	15.4	-19.6
Participation rate	70.1	70.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	9.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	63.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.0	38.0	1.6	-1.0	-1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,014.1	1,015.8	...	1.7	1.7	20.7	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	834.7	831.1	3.6	-3.6	-3.6	20.3	-0.4	-0.4	2.5
Employment	801.3	800.6	4.3	-0.7	-0.7	22.9	-0.1	-0.1	2.9
Unemployment	33.4	30.5	3.4	-2.9	-2.9	-2.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.1
Participation rate	82.3	81.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	79.0	78.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	5.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,013.2	1,014.8	...	1.6	1.6	20.5	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	679.0	675.4	4.4	-3.6	-3.6	18.7	-0.5	-0.5	2.8
Employment	649.9	645.9	4.4	-4.0	-4.0	15.8	-0.6	-0.6	2.5
Unemployment	29.2	29.5	3.0	0.3	0.3	2.9	1.0	1.0	10.9
Participation rate	67.0	66.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	24.0	0.9	0.3	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,751.5	1,743.3	8.1	-8.2	-8.2	48.8	-0.5	-0.5	2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	494.7	484.5	6.1	-10.2	-10.2	24.6	-2.1	-2.1	5.3
Agriculture	72.0	68.6	2.7	-3.4	-3.4	0.6	-4.7	-4.7	0.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	109.0	109.4	2.9	0.4	0.4	15.0	0.4	0.4	15.9
Utilities	15.1	13.1	0.9	-2.0	-2.0	-1.4	-13.2	-13.2	-9.7
Construction	145.8	144.3	4.1	-1.5	-1.5	8.7	-1.0	-1.0	6.4
Manufacturing	152.8	149.0	3.6	-3.8	-3.8	1.6	-2.5	-2.5	1.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,256.8	1,258.8	8.4	2.0	2.0	24.2	0.2	0.2	2.0
Trade	274.9	265.8	4.9	-9.1	-9.1	16.0	-3.3	-3.3	6.4
Transportation and warehousing	93.3	97.9	3.0	4.6	4.6	0.8	4.9	4.9	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	92.1	91.5	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	9.0	-0.7	-0.7	10.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	120.8	131.5	3.3	10.7	10.7	13.5	8.9	8.9	11.4
Business, building and other support services	60.5	60.9	3.1	0.4	0.4	-8.4	0.7	0.7	-12.1
Educational services	108.7	106.7	3.2	-2.0	-2.0	-1.4	-1.8	-1.8	-1.3
Health care and social assistance	165.8	164.2	3.2	-1.6	-1.6	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-0.2
Information, culture and recreation	69.6	70.7	2.8	1.1	1.1	-2.6	1.6	1.6	-3.5
Accommodation and food services	120.2	117.7	3.6	-2.5	-2.5	-3.9	-2.1	-2.1	-3.2
Other services	79.4	79.8	2.7	0.4	0.4	4.9	0.5	0.5	6.5
Public administration	71.7	72.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	-3.4	0.7	0.7	-4.5

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Table 13

Selected labour force characteristics, British Columbia (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,386.9	3,391.9	...	5.0	5.0	46.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	2,222.6	2,235.7	11.1	13.1	13.1	65.0	0.6	0.6	3.0
Employment	2,071.4	2,072.4	11.4	1.0	1.0	80.9	0.0	0.0	4.1
Employment full-time	1,621.5	1,616.5	13.7	-5.0	-5.0	96.7	-0.3	-0.3	6.4
Unemployment	151.1	163.3	9.0	12.2	12.2	-15.9	8.1	8.1	-8.9
Participation rate	65.6	65.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	22.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	552.5	553.2	...	0.7	0.7	7.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	355.2	356.7	6.1	1.5	1.5	11.9	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment	309.7	303.9	5.9	-5.8	-5.8	14.6	-1.9	-1.9	5.0
Unemployment	45.5	52.9	5.0	7.4	7.4	-2.6	16.3	16.3	-4.7
Participation rate	64.3	64.5	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	14.8	1.4	2.0	2.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	54.9	1.1	-1.2	-1.2	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	50.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,381.5	1,383.4	...	1.9	1.9	17.0	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	991.2	1,004.0	5.9	12.8	12.8	30.6	1.3	1.3	3.1
Employment	934.2	940.8	6.2	6.6	6.6	27.2	0.7	0.7	3.0
Unemployment	56.9	63.2	5.3	6.3	6.3	3.4	11.1	11.1	5.7
Participation rate	71.7	72.6	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	68.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	8.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,453.0	1,455.3	...	2.3	2.3	21.2	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	876.2	875.0	6.3	-1.2	-1.2	22.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.6
Employment	827.5	827.7	6.6	0.2	0.2	39.1	0.0	0.0	5.0
Unemployment	48.7	47.2	4.9	-1.5	-1.5	-16.7	-3.1	-3.1	-26.1
Participation rate	60.3	60.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.3	27.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	-2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,071.4	2,072.4	11.4	1.0	1.0	80.9	0.0	0.0	4.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	416.8	433.2	7.5	16.4	16.4	15.1	3.9	3.9	3.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.9	34.5	2.6	1.6	1.6	0.9	4.9	4.9	2.7
Utilities	40.9	37.6	3.0	-3.3	-3.3	-8.6	-8.1	-8.1	-18.6
Construction	10.9	10.4	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8	-4.6	-4.6	-14.8
Manufacturing	128.4	141.1	4.7	12.7	12.7	18.4	9.9	9.9	15.0
Services-producing sector	203.7	209.5	5.0	5.8	5.8	6.1	2.8	2.8	3.0
Services-producing sector	1,654.6	1,639.2	11.5	-15.4	-15.4	65.8	-0.9	-0.9	4.2
Trade	321.6	331.6	6.4	10.0	10.0	3.9	3.1	3.1	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	115.8	113.5	3.9	-2.3	-2.3	-3.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	132.7	126.2	4.2	-6.5	-6.5	-2.2	-4.9	-4.9	-1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	145.8	143.6	4.5	-2.2	-2.2	15.2	-1.5	-1.5	11.8
Business, building and other support services	91.0	89.0	3.9	-2.0	-2.0	11.6	-2.2	-2.2	15.0
Educational services	143.3	142.1	4.5	-1.2	-1.2	-6.0	-0.8	-0.8	-4.1
Health care and social assistance	220.3	216.0	4.7	-4.3	-4.3	8.5	-2.0	-2.0	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	110.3	109.5	4.3	-0.8	-0.8	8.6	-0.7	-0.7	8.5
Accommodation and food services	175.7	172.8	5.1	-2.9	-2.9	11.3	-1.7	-1.7	7.0
Other services	100.1	96.8	4.0	-3.3	-3.3	3.4	-3.3	-3.3	3.6
Public administration	98.0	98.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	14.2	0.0	0.0	16.9

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Table 14

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	144.6	144.8	...	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	96.6	97.6	0.8	1.0	1.0	-2.1	1.0	1.0	-2.1
Employment	86.9	87.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	-2.2	0.6	0.6	-2.5
Unemployment	9.7	10.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	4.1	4.1	0.0
Participation rate	66.8	67.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	290.0	290.4	...	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	202.5	202.8	1.3	0.3	0.3	5.7	0.1	0.1	2.9
Employment	190.7	190.9	1.3	0.2	0.2	8.5	0.1	0.1	4.7
Unemployment	11.7	12.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	-2.7	2.6	2.6	-18.4
Participation rate	69.8	69.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	64.6	64.9	0.7	0.3	0.3	-2.8	0.5	0.5	-4.1
Employment	58.9	59.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	-2.8	1.0	1.0	-4.5
Unemployment	5.7	5.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-5.3	-5.3	0.0
Participation rate	64.0	64.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	-2.8	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	130.5	130.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Labour force	79.4	81.0	0.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
Employment	70.0	71.3	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.5	1.9	1.9	0.7
Unemployment	9.4	9.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.5	3.2	3.2	18.3
Participation rate	60.8	62.1	0.6	1.3	1.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	12.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	54.7	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	578.5	579.1	...	0.6	0.6	5.2	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	377.5	373.7	2.8	-3.8	-3.8	-7.7	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0
Employment	349.7	349.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	-6.8	0.0	0.0	-1.9
Unemployment	27.8	24.0	1.5	-3.8	-3.8	-1.0	-13.7	-13.7	-4.0
Participation rate	65.3	64.5	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.4	0.4	-1.0	-1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.8	117.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	73.6	73.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.4
Employment	65.9	66.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
Unemployment	7.7	7.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	-7.8	-7.8	2.9
Participation rate	62.5	62.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	9.7	0.6	-0.8	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	128.9	129.1	...	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	85.6	84.8	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.8
Employment	79.2	78.4	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	0.9
Unemployment	6.4	6.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	66.4	65.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,921.1	2,925.2	...	4.1	4.1	42.8	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	2,018.6	2,017.0	7.2	-1.6	-1.6	40.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.0
Employment	1,833.4	1,833.5	7.5	0.1	0.1	29.9	0.0	0.0	1.7
Unemployment	185.2	183.6	4.8	-1.6	-1.6	10.6	-0.9	-0.9	6.1
Participation rate	69.1	69.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	920.9	922.6	...	1.7	1.7	19.5	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	654.9	651.2	3.1	-3.7	-3.7	12.5	-0.6	-0.6	2.0
Employment	607.3	606.1	3.3	-1.2	-1.2	15.2	-0.2	-0.2	2.6
Unemployment	47.6	45.1	1.8	-2.5	-2.5	-2.6	-5.3	-5.3	-5.5
Participation rate	71.1	70.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	6.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,188.6	4,197.4	...	8.8	8.8	101.2	0.2	0.2	2.5
Labour force	2,901.4	2,902.2	8.8	0.8	0.8	33.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Employment	2,690.1	2,691.5	9.0	1.4	1.4	27.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
Unemployment	211.3	210.7	5.3	-0.6	-0.6	5.9	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Participation rate	69.3	69.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	567.6	568.1	...	0.5	0.5	6.3	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	390.9	390.1	2.6	-0.8	-0.8	6.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.6
Employment	369.4	369.3	2.7	-0.1	-0.1	10.3	0.0	0.0	2.9
Unemployment	21.5	20.7	1.3	-0.8	-0.8	-4.1	-3.7	-3.7	-16.5
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	358.9	359.4	...	0.5	0.5	6.4	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	251.9	250.2	1.6	-1.7	-1.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.2
Employment	239.2	238.3	1.7	-0.9	-0.9	2.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.1
Unemployment	12.7	11.9	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-2.1	-6.3	-6.3	-15.0
Participation rate	70.2	69.6	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	348.7	348.9	...	0.2	0.2	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	240.8	241.9	1.9	1.1	1.1	9.7	0.5	0.5	4.2
Employment	223.5	225.1	2.0	1.6	1.6	8.4	0.7	0.7	3.9
Unemployment	17.4	16.9	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	1.3	-2.9	-2.9	8.3
Participation rate	69.1	69.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.9	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	249.8	250.2	...	0.4	0.4	5.2	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	180.8	182.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	7.4	0.7	0.7	4.2
Employment	172.0	172.9	1.2	0.9	0.9	8.1	0.5	0.5	4.9
Unemployment	8.8	9.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.7	4.5	4.5	-7.1
Participation rate	72.4	72.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	69.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.8	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	326.3	326.4	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	209.8	208.4	1.6	-1.4	-1.4	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4
Employment	195.7	194.5	1.6	-1.2	-1.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.4
Unemployment	14.1	13.9	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.7	-1.4	-1.4	-10.9
Participation rate	64.3	63.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	126.7	126.6	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	79.9	81.1	0.7	1.2	1.2	2.7	1.5	1.5	3.4
Employment	72.0	73.3	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.9
Unemployment	7.9	7.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	20.0
Participation rate	63.1	64.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.9	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.5	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.4	100.4	...	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.6
Labour force	66.8	66.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	-1.4	0.0	0.0	-2.1
Employment	62.1	61.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-2.6	-0.8	-0.8	-4.0
Unemployment	4.7	5.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.1	8.5	8.5	27.5
Participation rate	66.5	66.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.4	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	262.4	262.8	...	0.4	0.4	5.0	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	173.1	174.0	1.4	0.9	0.9	-1.4	0.5	0.5	-0.8
Employment	160.0	160.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	-2.0	0.3	0.3	-1.2
Unemployment	13.1	13.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	3.8	3.8	5.4
Participation rate	66.0	66.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	543.6	544.1	...	0.5	0.5	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	378.8	379.9	1.3	1.1	1.1	-4.4	0.3	0.3	-1.1
Employment	357.9	358.9	1.3	1.0	1.0	-5.2	0.3	0.3	-1.4
Unemployment	20.8	21.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.0	1.0	4.0
Participation rate	69.7	69.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.1	156.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	114.7	114.9	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.1	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment	108.4	108.5	0.7	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.1	1.7
Unemployment	6.3	6.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.6	1.6	4.9
Participation rate	73.5	73.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	183.4	183.5	...	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	128.4	129.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.5
Employment	120.6	121.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	-0.9	0.4	0.4	-0.7
Unemployment	7.8	8.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	6.4	6.4	2.5
Participation rate	70.0	70.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...

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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	844.8	846.4	...	1.6	1.6	21.3	0.2	0.2	2.6
Labour force	635.3	639.0	3.0	3.7	3.7	19.1	0.6	0.6	3.1
Employment	599.9	603.7	3.1	3.8	3.8	18.0	0.6	0.6	3.1
Unemployment	35.4	35.3	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	3.2
Participation rate	75.2	75.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	71.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	788.1	788.9	...	0.8	0.8	13.0	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	573.0	572.4	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	14.2	-0.1	-0.1	2.5
Employment	546.6	544.8	2.7	-1.8	-1.8	14.7	-0.3	-0.3	2.8
Unemployment	26.4	27.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	-0.5	4.5	4.5	-1.8
Participation rate	72.7	72.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,790.7	1,793.9	...	3.2	3.2	34.5	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	1,209.4	1,209.8	4.8	0.4	0.4	21.2	0.0	0.0	1.8
Employment	1,133.1	1,135.3	5.0	2.2	2.2	38.1	0.2	0.2	3.5
Unemployment	76.3	74.5	3.0	-1.8	-1.8	-16.9	-2.4	-2.4	-18.5
Participation rate	67.5	67.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	261.7	262.0	...	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	168.3	167.7	1.7	-0.6	-0.6	5.9	-0.4	-0.4	3.6
Employment	159.4	158.4	1.8	-1.0	-1.0	7.7	-0.6	-0.6	5.1
Unemployment	8.9	9.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	-1.9	4.5	4.5	-17.0
Participation rate	64.3	64.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	...	...	...

¹ 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

	December 2003	January 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,925.0	2,929.6	...	4.6	4.6	43.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	2,018.4	1,993.1	15.7	-25.3	-25.3	16.6	-1.3	-1.3	0.8
Employment	1,829.0	1,816.0	16.2	-13.0	-13.0	15.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.9
Unemployment	189.4	177.2	11.9	-12.2	-12.2	1.1	-6.4	-6.4	0.6
Participation rate	69.0	68.0	0.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,196.5	4,206.7	...	10.2	10.2	103.2	0.2	0.2	2.5
Labour force	2,915.1	2,906.8	18.5	-8.3	-8.3	28.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.0
Employment	2,705.9	2,695.9	18.7	-10.0	-10.0	28.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.0
Unemployment	209.2	210.9	12.6	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.0
Participation rate	69.5	69.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,793.6	1,797.3	...	3.7	3.7	35.6	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	1,205.8	1,222.8	10.6	17.0	17.0	40.9	1.4	1.4	3.5
Employment	1,136.8	1,144.0	10.7	7.2	7.2	48.2	0.6	0.6	4.4
Unemployment	69.1	78.8	7.3	9.7	9.7	-7.3	14.0	14.0	-8.5
Participation rate	67.2	68.0	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.5	...	...	...

¹ 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 region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in January 2003 and January 2004**

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2003	25,088.0	16,710.8	15,465.2	1,245.7	66.6	7.5	61.6
	2004	25,406.5	16,997.3	15,751.9	1,245.4	66.9	7.3	62.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	2003	439.0	252.5	206.0	46.5	57.5	18.4	46.9
	2004	439.4	252.9	208.0	44.9	57.6	17.8	47.3
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	207.9	128.3	109.9	18.4	61.7	14.3	52.9
	2004	209.6	126.2	109.1	17.2	60.2	13.6	52.1
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	37.1	20.0	15.7	4.3	53.9	21.5	42.3
	2004	36.4	20.5	15.3	5.2	56.3	25.4	42.0
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	94.0	51.9	40.6	11.3	55.2	21.8	43.2
	2004	93.8	55.2	44.2	11.0	58.8	19.9	47.1
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	100.0	52.2	39.7	12.5	52.2	23.9	39.7
	2004	99.6	51.0	39.5	11.5	51.2	22.5	39.7
Prince Edward Island	2003	112.5	73.5	63.5	10.0	65.3	13.6	56.4
	2004	113.7	75.1	65.5	9.7	66.1	12.9	57.6
Nova Scotia	2003	757.7	470.9	427.2	43.7	62.1	9.3	56.4
	2004	762.1	477.1	431.6	45.5	62.6	9.5	56.6
210 Cape Breton	2003	120.3	62.2	53.4	8.8	51.7	14.1	44.4
	2004	119.3	59.6	48.6	11.0	50.0	18.5	40.7
220 North Shore	2003	133.3	79.3	72.1	7.3	59.5	9.2	54.1
	2004	133.4	80.3	71.6	8.7	60.2	10.8	53.7
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	101.7	63.8	59.0	4.8	62.7	7.5	58.0
	2004	102.3	63.6	58.5	5.2	62.2	8.2	57.2
240 Southern	2003	104.3	63.7	56.4	7.3	61.1	11.5	54.1
	2004	104.6	64.7	57.0	7.7	61.9	11.9	54.5
250 Halifax	2003	298.2	201.8	186.3	15.5	67.7	7.7	62.5
	2004	302.5	208.9	195.9	13.0	69.1	6.2	64.8
New Brunswick	2003	608.5	379.7	340.2	39.5	62.4	10.4	55.9
	2004	610.6	378.2	339.4	38.8	61.9	10.3	55.6
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.4	77.8	65.2	12.6	53.5	16.2	44.8
	2004	144.6	76.8	63.5	13.3	53.1	17.3	43.9
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	153.7	101.4	91.4	10.0	66.0	9.9	59.5
	2004	155.4	104.8	96.5	8.3	67.4	7.9	62.1
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.8	91.5	83.5	8.0	65.5	8.7	59.7
	2004	140.2	87.8	80.5	7.3	62.6	8.3	57.4
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	99.7	65.5	60.7	4.8	65.7	7.3	60.9
	2004	100.5	66.5	60.5	6.0	66.2	9.0	60.2
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.9	43.5	39.4	4.1	62.2	9.4	56.4
	2004	69.9	42.4	38.4	4.0	60.7	9.4	54.9
Quebec	2003	6,055.4	3,926.7	3,586.3	340.4	64.8	8.7	59.2
	2004	6,112.4	4,008.9	3,635.5	373.5	65.6	9.3	59.5
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.2	43.1	33.7	9.5	52.4	22.0	41.0
	2004	81.8	42.8	34.4	8.4	52.3	19.6	42.1
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.6	87.0	78.4	8.6	51.9	9.9	46.8
	2004	167.1	100.1	86.7	13.4	59.9	13.4	51.9
420 Québec	2003	537.1	337.4	313.5	23.8	62.8	7.1	58.4
	2004	541.9	338.8	316.5	22.4	62.5	6.6	58.4

Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
January 2003 and January 2004

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.8	211.3	198.1	13.2	66.1	6.2	61.9
	2004	320.8	219.2	203.7	15.5	68.3	7.1	63.5
430 Estrie	2003	238.8	156.4	144.4	12.0	65.5	7.7	60.5
	2004	240.7	156.3	142.2	14.0	64.9	9.0	59.1
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.3	110.0	102.0	8.1	61.0	7.4	56.6
	2004	181.0	124.7	112.2	12.5	68.9	10.0	62.0
435 Montérégie	2003	1,079.4	743.2	689.3	53.9	68.9	7.3	63.9
	2004	1,090.7	780.0	720.0	60.0	71.5	7.7	66.0
440 Montréal	2003	1,513.0	971.6	873.3	98.3	64.2	10.1	57.7
	2004	1,531.9	985.3	881.4	104.0	64.3	10.6	57.5
445 Laval	2003	292.3	194.6	180.9	13.6	66.6	7.0	61.9
	2004	296.3	191.5	172.7	18.8	64.6	9.8	58.3
450 Lanaudière	2003	326.2	228.1	209.7	18.4	69.9	8.1	64.3
	2004	331.2	221.4	200.8	20.6	66.8	9.3	60.6
455 Laurentides	2003	389.5	266.8	245.1	21.8	68.5	8.2	62.9
	2004	397.7	275.6	257.7	17.9	69.3	6.5	64.8
460 Outaouais	2003	263.3	171.8	157.6	14.2	65.2	8.3	59.9
	2004	268.7	173.4	158.7	14.7	64.5	8.5	59.1
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.6	75.8	67.6	8.2	62.9	10.8	56.1
	2004	119.6	74.4	66.2	8.2	62.2	11.0	55.4
470 Mauricie	2003	215.8	131.2	117.6	13.6	60.8	10.4	54.5
	2004	215.5	127.8	113.2	14.5	59.3	11.3	52.5
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.9	138.4	123.6	14.8	59.4	10.7	53.1
	2004	231.7	137.4	120.5	16.9	59.3	12.3	52.0
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.6	60.1	51.7	8.4	62.2	14.0	53.5
	2004	95.7	60.1	48.5	11.6	62.8	19.3	50.7
Ontario								
	2003	9,703.8	6,567.6	6,136.6	431.0	67.7	6.6	63.2
	2004	9,858.8	6,673.1	6,249.3	423.7	67.7	6.3	63.4
510 Ottawa	2003	940.7	651.0	603.7	47.3	69.2	7.3	64.2
	2004	956.6	655.9	611.9	44.0	68.6	6.7	64.0
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	338.2	205.6	192.4	13.1	60.8	6.4	56.9
	2004	338.6	203.1	188.4	14.7	60.0	7.2	55.6
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	298.2	164.9	157.1	7.8	55.3	4.7	52.7
	2004	301.0	207.1	200.3	6.8	68.8	3.3	66.5
530 Toronto	2003	4,292.4	2,992.9	2,793.5	199.4	69.7	6.7	65.1
	2004	4,397.5	3,038.9	2,835.9	202.9	69.1	6.7	64.5
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	884.9	623.2	591.4	31.8	70.4	5.1	66.8
	2004	903.5	625.7	597.3	28.3	69.3	4.5	66.1
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,080.0	715.4	666.2	49.2	66.2	6.9	61.7
	2004	1,089.2	715.1	673.5	41.5	65.7	5.8	61.8
560 London	2003	485.3	325.5	303.8	21.6	67.1	6.6	62.6
	2004	488.6	339.1	319.0	20.1	69.4	5.9	65.3
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	512.0	341.3	318.6	22.6	66.7	6.6	62.2
	2004	517.1	331.6	306.3	25.3	64.1	7.6	59.2

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
January 2003 and January 2004**

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.2	153.1	143.3	9.9	64.8	6.5	60.7
	2004	236.9	160.4	149.4	11.0	67.7	6.9	63.1
590 Northeast	2003	455.8	272.5	251.0	21.5	59.8	7.9	55.1
	2004	451.6	274.3	253.8	20.5	60.7	7.5	56.2
595 Northwest	2003	180.0	122.3	115.5	6.8	67.9	5.6	64.2
	2004	178.3	122.0	113.5	8.5	68.4	7.0	63.7
Manitoba								
	2003	864.9	593.9	564.1	29.8	68.7	5.0	65.2
	2004	871.9	596.1	564.8	31.3	68.4	5.3	64.8
610 Southeast	2003	69.9	47.9	45.6	2.3	68.5	4.8	65.2
	2004	71.3	51.7	49.2	2.5	72.5	4.8	69.0
620 South Central	2003	40.7	25.5	24.3	1.2	62.7	4.7	59.7
	2004	41.3	25.8	24.9	0.9	62.5	3.5	60.3
630 Southwest	2003	82.1	51.9	50.4	1.6	63.2	3.1	61.4
	2004	82.2	53.5	50.8	2.7	65.1	5.0	61.8
640 North Central	2003	34.7	24.7	23.7	1.0	71.2	4.0	68.3
	2004	34.8	23.3	22.6	0.7	67.0	3.0	64.9
650 Winnipeg	2003	501.8	354.2	335.6	18.6	70.6	5.3	66.9
	2004	506.1	352.8	333.8	19.0	69.7	5.4	66.0
660 Interlake	2003	68.0	45.3	43.0	2.3	66.6	5.1	63.2
	2004	69.2	45.4	42.9	2.5	65.6	5.5	62.0
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.6	44.3	41.5	2.8	65.5	6.3	61.4
	2004	67.0	43.6	40.6	3.0	65.1	6.9	60.6
Saskatchewan								
	2003	757.6	512.1	482.9	29.2	67.6	5.7	63.7
	2004	756.3	508.8	480.4	28.3	67.3	5.6	63.5
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.6	153.3	145.3	8.0	70.8	5.2	67.1
	2004	216.2	154.3	146.3	8.0	71.4	5.2	67.7
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	84.1	53.9	51.4	2.4	64.1	4.5	61.1
	2004	83.3	53.8	50.6	3.3	64.6	6.1	60.7
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.5	158.1	149.3	8.8	69.5	5.6	65.6
	2004	228.3	157.7	148.3	9.4	69.1	6.0	65.0
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.6	42.6	40.2	2.4	61.2	5.6	57.8
	2004	68.8	40.7	39.0	1.7	59.2	4.2	56.7
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.9	104.3	96.7	7.6	65.2	7.3	60.5
	2004	159.8	102.2	96.3	5.9	64.0	5.8	60.3
Alberta								
	2003	2,445.2	1,780.8	1,688.7	92.1	72.8	5.2	69.1
	2004	2,493.9	1,822.7	1,734.5	88.3	73.1	4.8	69.5
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	191.7	130.6	124.7	5.8	68.1	4.4	65.0
	2004	195.0	133.7	129.5	4.2	68.6	3.1	66.4
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.2	103.4	99.2	4.2	72.2	4.1	69.3
	2004	144.7	104.7	101.2	3.6	72.4	3.4	69.9
830 Calgary	2003	878.4	654.6	620.0	34.6	74.5	5.3	70.6
	2004	901.6	677.7	641.6	36.1	75.2	5.3	71.2
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.4	47.1	44.2	2.9	73.1	6.2	68.6
	2004	64.6	47.1	45.6	1.6	72.9	3.4	70.6

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Concluded January 2003 and January 2004**

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2003	122.1	93.0	87.0	6.1	76.2	6.6	71.3
	2004	125.1	94.2	89.8	4.4	75.3	4.7	71.8
860 Edmonton	2003	799.3	567.4	538.9	28.4	71.0	5.0	67.4
	2004	812.6	583.4	554.9	28.5	71.8	4.9	68.3
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	169.4	123.4	116.4	7.0	72.8	5.7	68.7
	2004	171.5	120.5	113.0	7.5	70.3	6.2	65.9
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	76.7	61.2	58.2	3.0	79.8	4.9	75.9
	2004	78.7	61.5	59.0	2.5	78.1	4.1	75.0
British Columbia								
	2003	3,343.2	2,153.2	1,969.8	183.4	64.4	8.5	58.9
	2004	3,387.3	2,204.3	2,042.9	161.4	65.1	7.3	60.3
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	570.3	335.5	305.1	30.4	58.8	9.1	53.5
	2004	575.0	346.8	315.3	31.5	60.3	9.1	54.8
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	1,999.3	1,337.6	1,236.1	101.6	66.9	7.6	61.8
	2004	2,037.1	1,357.3	1,272.6	84.6	66.6	6.2	62.5
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	392.3	225.4	204.3	21.2	57.5	9.4	52.1
	2004	396.0	246.9	228.1	18.8	62.3	7.6	57.6
940 Kootenay	2003	125.2	76.4	67.2	9.1	61.0	11.9	53.7
	2004	125.3	73.6	64.7	8.9	58.7	12.1	51.6
950 Cariboo	2003	134.8	90.2	78.4	11.8	66.9	13.1	58.2
	2004	133.7	92.3	83.3	9.0	69.0	9.8	62.3
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.7	51.1	45.1	6.0	69.3	11.7	61.2
	2004	72.7	50.9	44.0	7.0	70.0	13.8	60.5
980 Northeast	2003	47.6	36.9	33.6	3.3	77.5	8.9	70.6
	2004	47.6	36.4	34.8	1.6	76.5	4.4	73.1

¹ 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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
January 2004										
15 years and over	13,155.5	35.0	673.55	18.49	10,593.2	39.4	780.99	2,562.3	17.1	229.36
15 to 24 years	2,141.4	26.5	298.83	10.46	1,044.7	38.6	472.49	1,096.6	14.9	133.39
25 years and over	11,014.1	36.7	746.40	20.05	9,548.4	39.5	814.74	1,465.7	18.7	301.17
Men	6,635.7	37.8	783.29	20.19	5,866.3	40.6	859.09	769.4	16.2	205.38
Women	6,519.8	32.2	561.85	16.75	4,726.8	37.8	684.07	1,792.9	17.4	239.65
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,330.0	35.6	769.47	21.33	3,686.5	38.6	843.88	643.5	18.7	343.18
No union coverage	8,825.5	34.7	626.49	17.09	6,906.7	39.8	747.42	1,918.8	16.5	191.19
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,684.7	36.0	704.86	18.96	9,845.1	39.4	791.03	1,839.6	17.9	243.66
Temporary	1,470.8	27.0	424.82	14.73	748.1	38.7	648.81	722.7	14.9	192.95
Occupation										
Management	933.5	40.3	1,153.61	28.80	908.5	40.9	1,174.01	25.0	19.5	412.92
Business, finance and administrative	2,624.1	35.1	632.51	17.60	2,231.8	38.2	700.35	392.3	17.6	246.51
Natural and applied sciences	871.5	38.4	1,016.12	26.44	839.5	39.2	1,039.71	32.0	17.6	397.54
Health	786.8	32.9	735.21	22.07	577.3	37.6	850.30	209.5	19.8	417.99
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,009.4	33.9	859.09	25.26	797.7	38.2	974.83	211.7	17.4	422.99
Art, culture, recreation and sport	292.5	29.5	571.02	17.99	190.6	38.2	775.14	101.9	13.1	189.18
Sales and service	3,508.1	29.8	400.10	12.43	2,106.0	38.5	557.00	1,402.1	16.7	164.44
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,783.3	39.7	738.40	18.44	1,660.2	41.3	775.71	123.1	17.4	235.15
Occupations unique to primary industry	179.7	42.3	734.81	16.89	159.2	46.0	808.71	20.5	14.0	159.83
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,166.5	39.4	663.08	16.65	1,122.3	40.2	681.41	44.3	17.8	198.24
January 2003										
15 years and over	12,932.8	35.1	658.15	18.02	10,414.7	39.5	762.83	2,518.1	17.0	225.19
15 to 24 years	2,120.7	26.5	292.16	10.24	1,033.1	38.8	463.61	1,087.6	14.8	129.31
25 years and over	10,812.1	36.8	729.93	19.55	9,381.6	39.5	795.78	1,430.5	18.8	298.08
Men	6,577.4	37.8	770.74	19.82	5,832.2	40.6	844.69	745.2	16.0	191.93
Women	6,355.4	32.2	541.62	16.16	4,582.4	38.0	658.64	1,773.0	17.5	239.17
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,225.6	35.7	751.35	20.81	3,582.6	38.7	823.33	643.0	18.9	350.29
No union coverage	8,707.2	34.8	612.92	16.67	6,832.1	39.9	731.11	1,875.1	16.4	182.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,534.8	36.1	687.31	18.47	9,693.4	39.5	771.76	1,841.4	18.0	242.73
Temporary	1,398.0	27.0	417.58	14.29	721.3	39.0	642.86	676.7	14.3	177.46
Occupation										
Management	873.6	40.2	1,120.92	27.87	846.0	41.0	1,145.51	27.6	17.6	367.65
Business, finance and administrative	2,497.5	35.1	622.46	17.30	2,115.9	38.4	692.14	381.6	17.1	236.05
Natural and applied sciences	900.4	38.6	990.57	25.65	871.7	39.2	1,010.96	28.7	17.5	370.53
Health	769.4	32.5	687.76	20.98	544.9	37.5	798.74	224.6	20.3	418.47
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,043.7	34.2	840.53	24.55	830.3	38.6	945.88	213.4	17.3	430.72
Art, culture, recreation and sport	294.3	30.8	580.36	17.34	204.1	38.7	762.50	90.2	12.7	168.16
Sales and service	3,447.6	30.0	395.86	12.21	2,089.9	38.5	549.81	1,357.7	16.7	158.88
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,739.5	39.8	727.59	18.12	1,627.4	41.4	762.47	112.1	17.1	221.07
Occupations unique to primary industry	203.0	40.6	669.22	15.77	167.7	46.0	778.39	35.3	14.8	150.62
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,163.8	39.3	638.02	16.10	1,116.9	40.2	656.49	47.0	17.6	198.71

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

Table 18

Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program¹, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

Region	Effective from February 8, 2004 to March 13, 2004	Region	Effective from February 8, 2004 to March 13, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	10.3	30. London	7.0
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	21.2	31. Niagara	6.1
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.8
03. Prince Edward Island	10.8	33. Kitchener	4.8
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	8.3
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	17.6	35. South Central Ontario	4.4
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.6	36. Sudbury	9.8
06. Halifax	6.0	37. Thunder Bay	8.2
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	11.7
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.0	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.7	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.9	40. Southern Manitoba	5.7
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	27.8
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	22.1	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	6.6	42. Regina	5.6
12. Trois-Rivières	9.8	43. Saskatoon	6.5
13. South Central Quebec	5.5	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.3
14. Sherbrooke	7.5	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.5
15. Montérégie	7.9	Alberta	
16. Montréal	9.1	46. Calgary	5.6
17. Central Quebec	10.5	47. Edmonton	5.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	18.6	48. Northern Alberta	10.4
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	14.3	49. Southern Alberta	5.9
20. Hull	6.4	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	12.0	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	9.2
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	6.2
22. Ottawa	7.1	52. Vancouver	6.2
23. Eastern Ontario	6.8	53. Victoria	6.1
24. Kingston	5.6	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	11.6
25. Central Ontario	5.6	55. Northern British Columbia	13.3
26. Oshawa	5.0	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.3	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	5.3	57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.7	58. Nunavut ⁴	25.0

¹ The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRDC website: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ae-ei/reg-econ/5.1_e.shtml.

² This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/common/news/insur/00-62.shtml>.

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⁴ This rate is provided by Human Resources 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.

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)*