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## Commentary

Employment edged up by an estimated 25,000 in June, the third consecutive monthly increase. Despite a pause during the first quarter of the year, the increase in June brings job gains since August 2003, when the recent upward trend began, to 316,000 (+2.0%). The unemployment rate rose slightly in June, up 0.1 percentage points to 7.3%, the result of an increase in the number of people in search of work.

### More full-time jobs

All of the employment gains in June were full-time. Since August 2003, full-time employment has grown by 342,000 (+2.7%) while part-time employment has declined by 27,000 (-0.9%). Weakness in part-time employment was concentrated mostly in the first quarter of this year.

Despite little change in the number of hours worked (-0.2%) in June, continued strength in full-time employment has pushed the number of hours worked up 1.0% since the start of the year, slightly stronger than year-to-date employment growth (+0.7%).

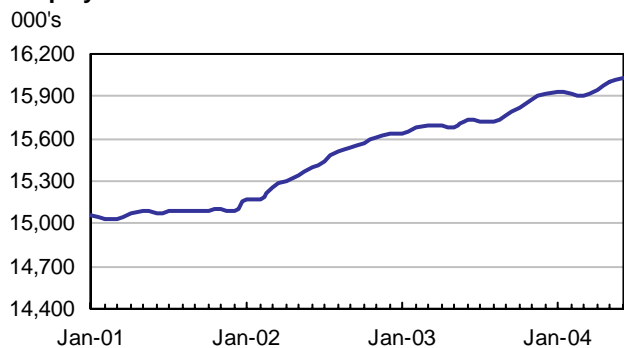
### Improved labour market for youths

Employment among youths increased by 32,000 in June, the third consecutive monthly increase, with the gain concentrated in full-time work (+23,000). The largest increases were in health care and social assistance, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing and retail sales. This month's increase brings overall employment gains among youths since March to 68,000 (+2.8%). These recent increases, all in full-time work, follow a period of continued weakness that began at the start of 2003. In June, the unemployment rate among youths fell 0.7 percentage points to 13.3%.

The summer job market improved for students aged 20 to 24 (those who had been attending school full-time and who plan to return in the fall). In June, the employment rate for 20 to 24 year-old students stood at 72.6%, a jump of 3.8 percentage points from June 2003. More were working full-time this June compared to twelve months ago. Over the same period, the participation rate for this group of students increased 4.5 percentage points to 80.1%, pushing the unemployment rate up slightly by 0.4 percentage points to 9.4%.

Younger students aged 15 to 19 did not fair as well as older students in the summer job market. The proportion of teenage students with a job fell from 43.2% in June 2003 to 42.1% in June 2004. Over the same period, the labour

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



force participation rate of 15 to 19 year-old students decreased 1.3 percentage points to 51.1% while their unemployment rate was unchanged at 17.6%.

Overall employment among adult women was little changed in June as a decline in full-time employment (-33,000) was partly offset by a gain in part-time jobs (+22,000). Despite little change this month, employment among adult women is up 148,000 (+2.4%) since last August when the upward trend began for this group. Over this period, all of the gains have been in full-time work. In June, the unemployment rate for adult women edged up 0.2 percentage points to 5.9%.

Employment among adult men was also little changed in June as a gain of 38,000 full-time jobs was offset by a decline of 34,000 in part-time employment. So far this year, employment growth has slowed for this group, with gains totalling only 34,000 (+0.5%). This contrasts with the last four months of 2003 when employment was up 74,000 (+1.0%). In June the unemployment rate for adult men edged up 0.2 percentage points to 6.2%.

### More jobs in sales

In June, employment rose by 21,000 in retail and wholesale trade with the largest gains in wholesale building materials and supplies as well as in retail food and beverage stores. This month's increase in retail and wholesale trade offsets losses earlier in the year and leaves employment in the sector up by only 0.6% (+14,000) since the start of the year.

Employment in construction edged up 9,000 in June, building on the gains observed over the previous two months. Following a pause earlier in the year, employment in the sector is up 42,000 (+4.5%) since March, resuming the upward trend that began about three years ago.

There were 14,000 more people working in information, culture and recreation in June, offsetting the decline in the previous month. This leaves employment in this sector at about the same level as at the start of the year.

In June, employment fell by 15,000 in other services, mostly in private household services as well as in personal, laundry and dry cleaning services.

Employment in manufacturing edged down 12,000 in June. This offsets the gain in May and continues a period of little change that began during the fall of 2003. Employment in manufacturing has not recovered from the losses incurred between November 2002 and September 2003.

### More public sector employees

Job gains in June were all among public sector workers (+32,000), with the largest increases in health care and social assistance as well as in transportation and warehousing. So far in 2004, employment among public sector employees is up 2.4% (+75,000) while the number of private sector employees has shown little change. Year-to-date employment gains among the self-employed is up 1.2% (+29,000).

### Job gains in British Columbia

Employment in British Columbia increased by 27,000 in June, the second consecutive monthly increase, bringing gains since April to 42,000 (+2.1%). Despite recent increases, there were offsetting losses earlier in the year, leaving year-to-date employment little changed. The largest increases in June were in information, culture and recreation, construction, as well as in health care and social assistance. The unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 7.5%.

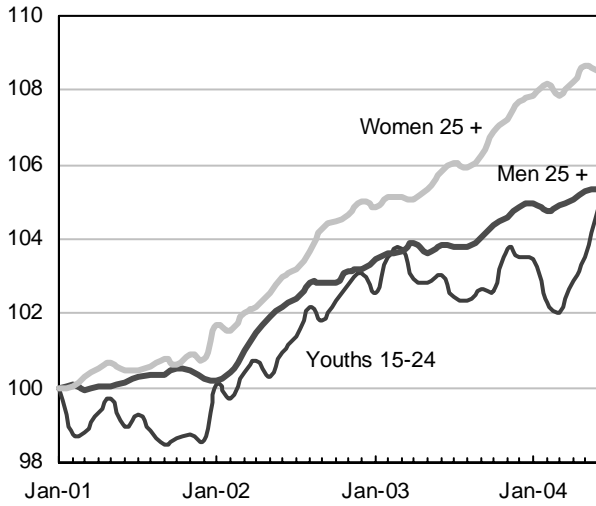
Employment in Ontario edged up 18,000 in June, the third consecutive monthly increase. These recent gains follow weakness in the first quarter of the year and resume the upward employment trend that began last August. The increase in June was mainly in accommodation and food services. While youth employment has been sluggish during the first five months of this year, it accounted for most of the increase in June. The overall unemployment rate in the province was unchanged in June at 7.0%.

In Quebec, employment edged down 15,000 in June, all in full-time work. Declines were concentrated in manufacturing, natural resources and other services. This month's decline leaves employment in the province little changed since the start of the year. In June, the unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points to 8.2%.

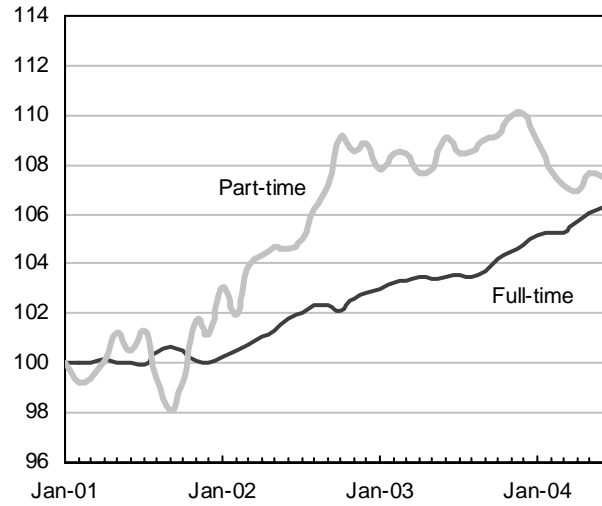
There was little change in employment in the other provinces.

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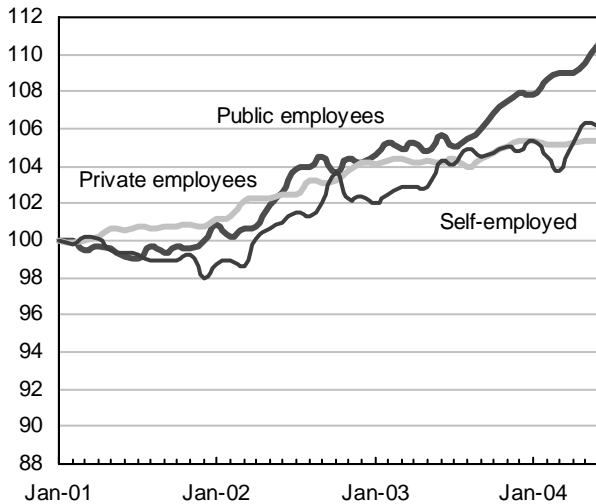
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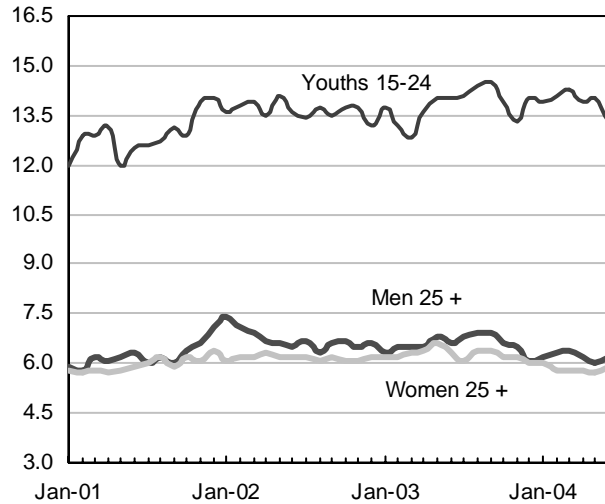
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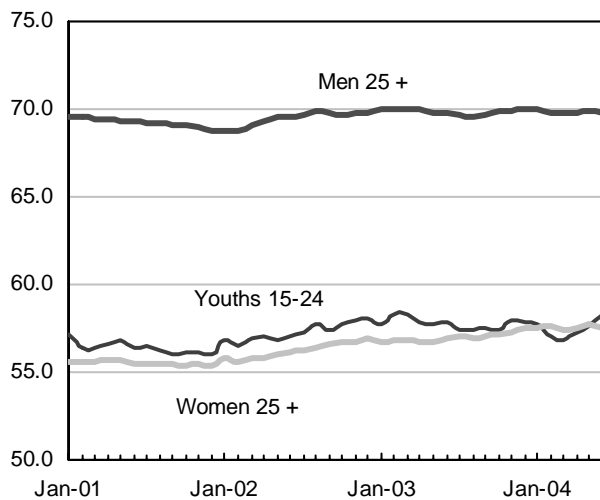
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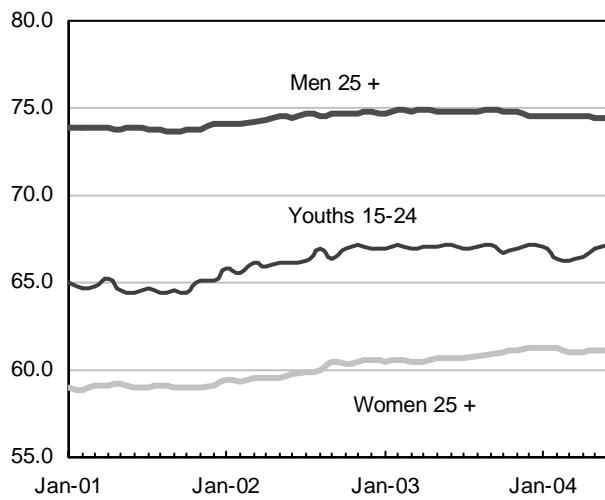
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**Employment rate (%)**



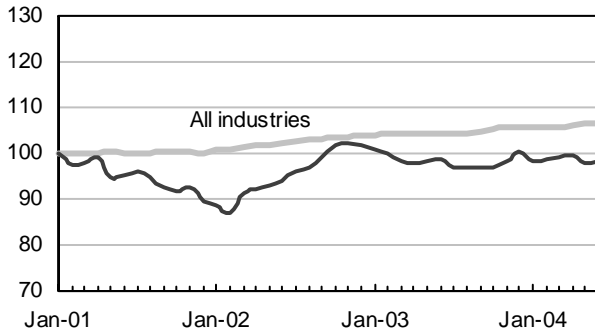
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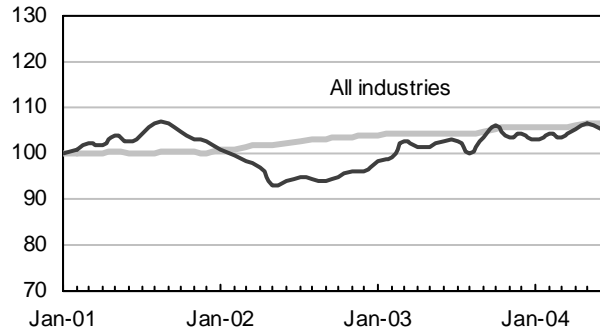


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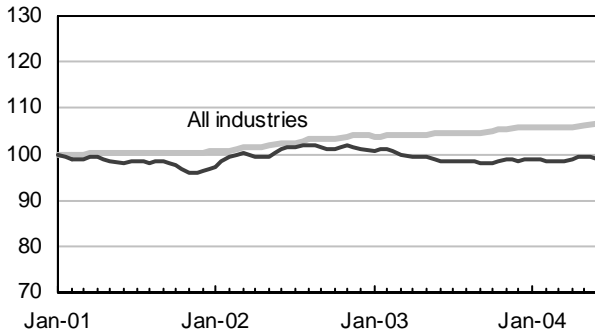
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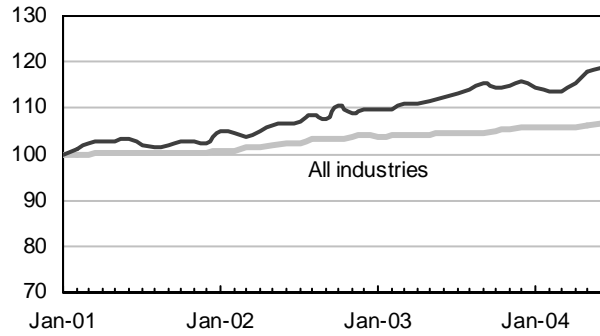
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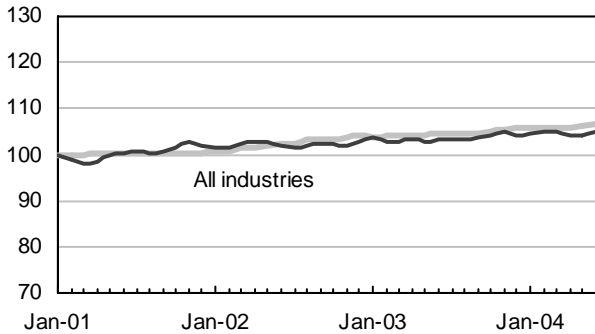
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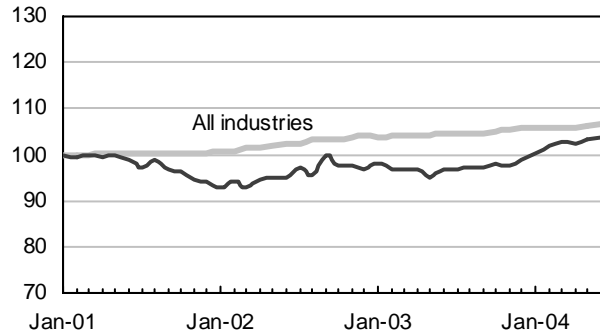
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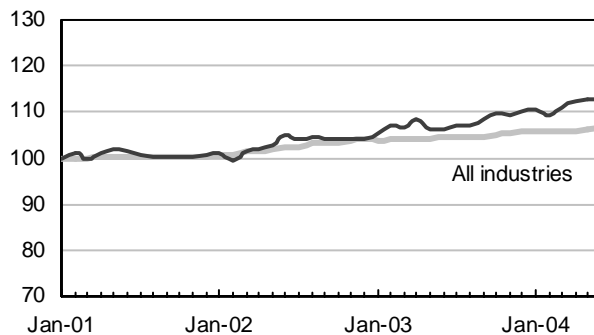
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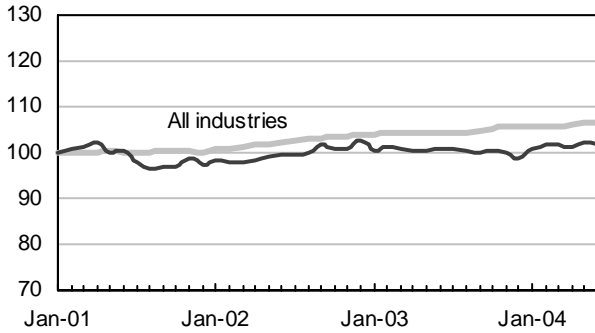


**Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing**

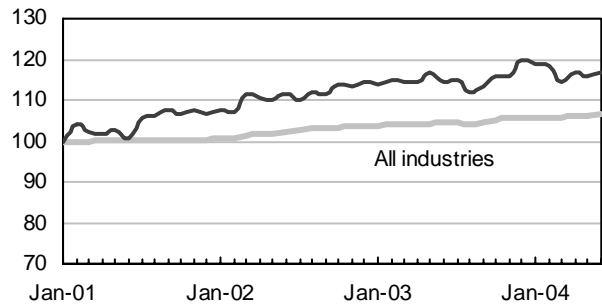


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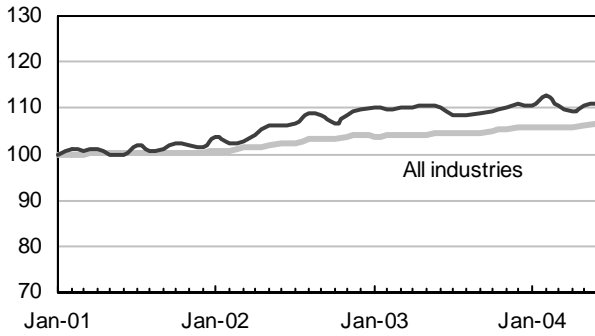
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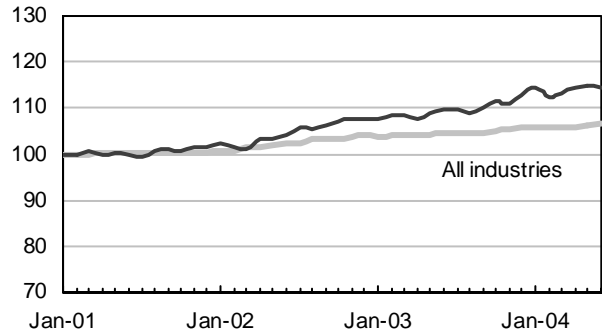
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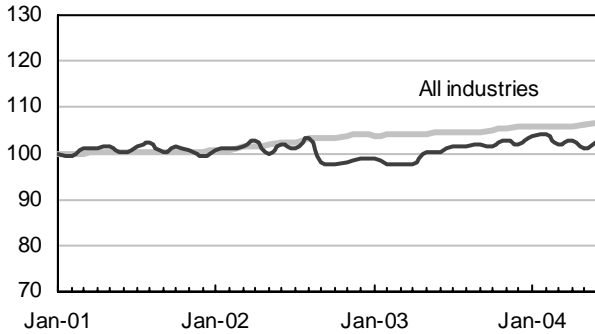
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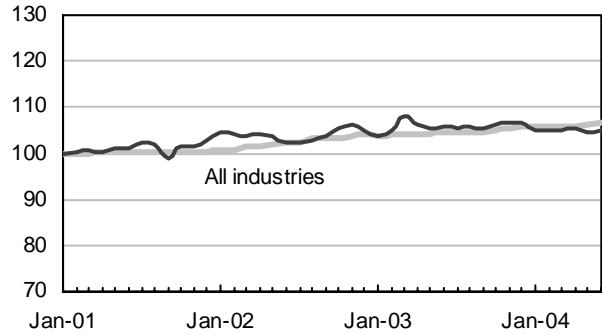
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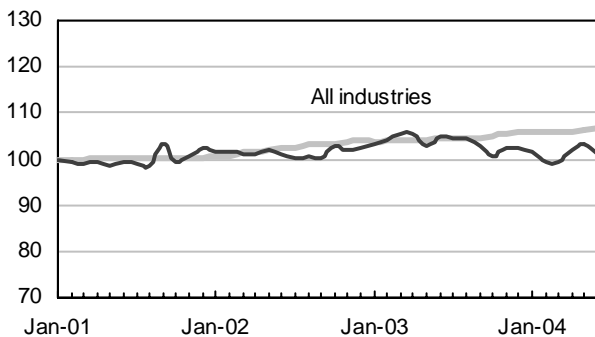
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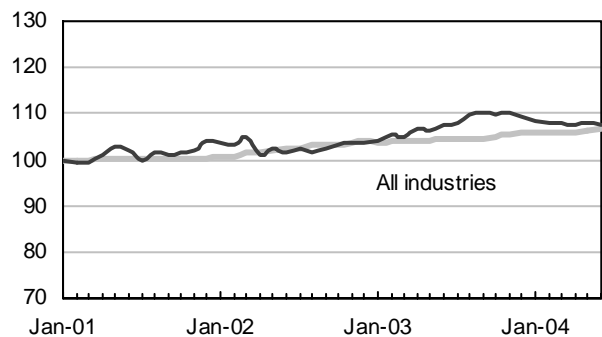
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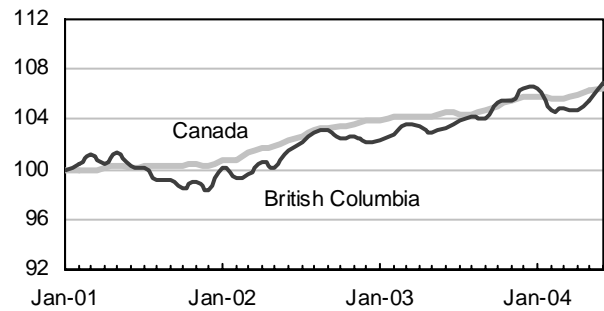
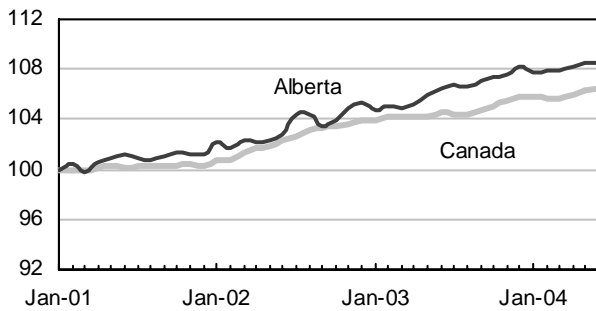
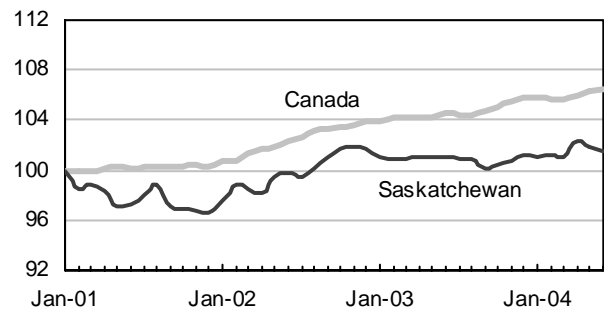
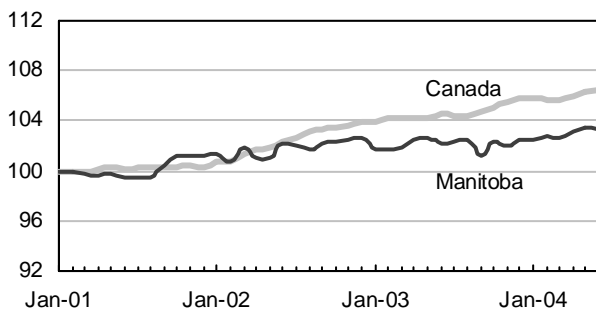
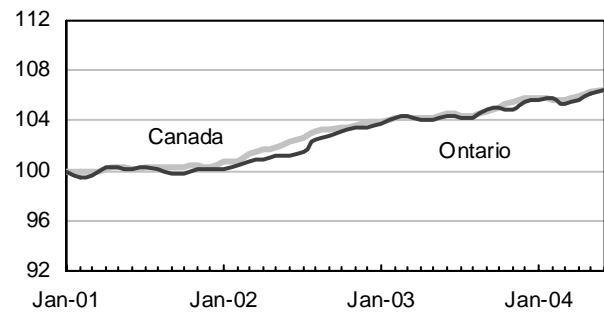
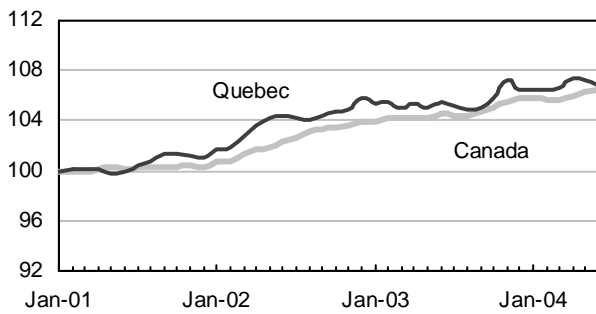
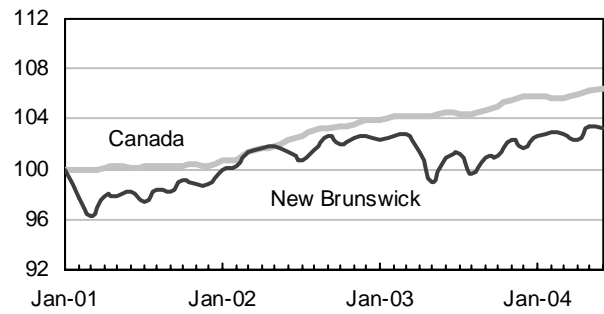
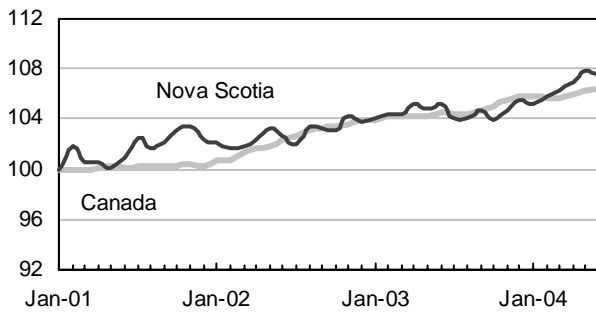
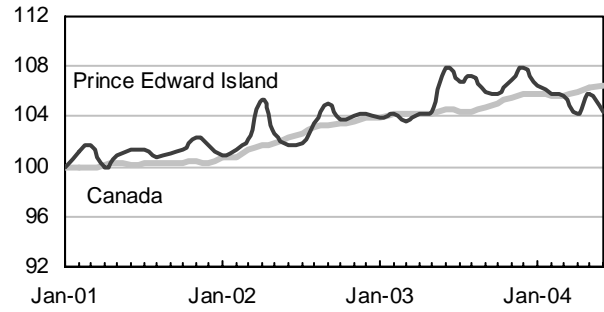
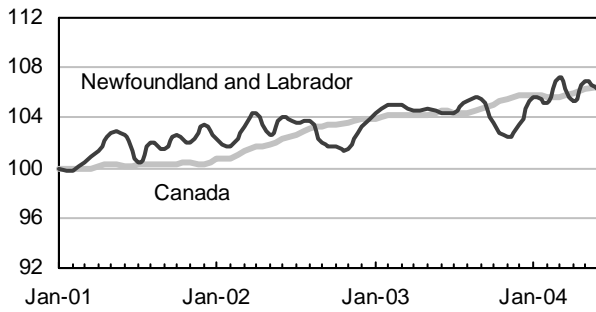
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Table 1

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,555.1	25,592.7	...	37.6	188.8	353.1	0.1	0.7	1.4
Labour force	17,247.0	17,286.1	28.2	39.1	98.7	244.7	0.2	0.6	1.4
Employment	16,006.8	16,031.5	29.1	24.7	110.8	302.5	0.2	0.7	1.9
Employment full-time	13,071.1	13,098.2	34.6	27.1	181.0	345.6	0.2	1.4	2.7
Employment part-time	2,935.7	2,933.2	30.2	-2.5	-70.2	-43.2	-0.1	-2.3	-1.5
Unemployment	1,240.2	1,254.6	23.6	14.4	-12.2	-57.7	1.2	-1.0	-4.4
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.3	0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,200.6	4,205.2	...	4.6	22.1	41.5	0.1	0.5	1.0
Labour force	2,811.8	2,826.0	16.3	14.2	13.8	28.0	0.5	0.5	1.0
Employment	2,418.4	2,450.6	15.7	32.2	31.8	43.3	1.3	1.3	1.8
Employment full-time	1,338.8	1,361.6	16.8	22.8	52.7	67.2	1.7	4.0	5.2
Employment part-time	1,079.6	1,089.0	17.3	9.4	-21.0	-23.9	0.9	-1.9	-2.1
Unemployment	393.3	375.4	13.6	-17.9	-18.0	-15.2	-4.6	-4.6	-3.9
Participation rate	66.9	67.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	13.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	58.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.6	44.4	0.6	-0.2	-1.5	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,414.0	10,430.1	...	16.1	80.9	150.6	0.2	0.8	1.5
Labour force	7,745.3	7,764.1	14.6	18.8	45.2	76.5	0.2	0.6	1.0
Employment	7,277.7	7,281.4	16.2	3.7	34.4	103.6	0.1	0.5	1.4
Employment full-time	6,809.4	6,847.0	19.5	37.6	74.7	122.8	0.6	1.1	1.8
Employment part-time	468.3	434.4	13.9	-33.9	-40.3	-19.2	-7.2	-8.5	-4.2
Unemployment	467.6	482.7	13.6	15.1	10.8	-27.0	3.2	2.3	-5.3
Participation rate	74.4	74.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.0	0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,940.4	10,957.4	...	17.0	85.9	161.0	0.2	0.8	1.5
Labour force	6,689.9	6,696.0	16.4	6.1	39.7	140.2	0.1	0.6	2.1
Employment	6,310.6	6,299.6	16.7	-11.0	44.8	155.7	-0.2	0.7	2.5
Employment full-time	4,922.9	4,889.6	22.1	-33.3	53.6	155.6	-0.7	1.1	3.3
Employment part-time	1,387.7	1,409.9	19.9	22.2	-8.8	0.0	1.6	-0.6	0.0
Unemployment	379.3	396.5	13.0	17.2	-5.0	-15.4	4.5	-1.2	-3.7
Participation rate	61.1	61.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.9	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.5	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	22.4	0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,182.7	14,194.5	...	11.8	55.4	89.7	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	12,248.1	12,284.4	20.6	36.3	56.5	134.2	0.3	0.5	1.1
Employment	11,522.9	11,536.9	22.6	14.0	62.7	182.9	0.1	0.5	1.6
Unemployment	725.2	747.5	17.9	22.3	-6.1	-48.7	3.1	-0.8	-6.1
Participation rate	86.4	86.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...

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

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,535.3	13,565.3	29.8	30.0	82.0	261.1	0.2	0.6	2.0
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,471.5	2,466.2	17.3	-5.3	28.8	41.3	-0.2	1.2	1.7
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,102.8	3,134.3	17.0	31.5	74.5	137.9	1.0	2.4	4.6
Private sector employees	10,432.4	10,431.0	29.7	-1.4	7.5	123.3	0.0	0.1	1.2
<b>Industry</b>	16,006.8	16,031.5	29.1	24.7	110.8	302.5	0.2	0.7	1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,045.3	4,045.1	21.1	-0.2	29.8	73.0	0.0	0.7	1.8
Agriculture	338.7	340.0	6.2	1.3	-6.5	-0.4	0.4	-1.9	-0.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	301.6	298.7	5.5	-2.9	2.7	7.7	-1.0	0.9	2.6
Utilities	133.5	137.4	3.7	3.9	6.7	3.6	2.9	5.1	2.7
Construction	971.7	980.8	11.9	9.1	23.7	54.5	0.9	2.5	5.9
Manufacturing	2,299.9	2,288.1	16.9	-11.8	3.1	7.4	-0.5	0.1	0.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,961.5	11,986.4	29.9	24.9	81.0	229.5	0.2	0.7	2.0
Trade	2,471.1	2,491.7	17.7	20.6	14.3	33.1	0.8	0.6	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	814.1	819.5	10.2	5.4	37.3	55.5	0.7	4.8	7.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	978.4	977.0	11.2	-1.4	20.3	54.5	-0.1	2.1	5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,018.8	1,014.4	12.5	-4.4	29.9	11.2	-0.4	3.0	1.1
Business, building and other support services	617.6	622.3	11.0	4.7	-15.3	12.6	0.8	-2.4	2.1
Educational services	1,055.8	1,061.1	11.4	5.3	0.0	7.0	0.5	0.0	0.7
Health care and social assistance	1,763.8	1,757.1	12.7	-6.7	24.9	73.0	-0.4	1.4	4.3
Information, culture and recreation	709.0	723.3	10.8	14.3	6.3	19.7	2.0	0.9	2.8
Accommodation and food services	1,009.0	1,014.9	12.7	5.9	-14.6	-9.0	0.6	-1.4	-0.9
Other services	705.4	690.0	10.5	-15.4	-9.6	-28.2	-2.2	-1.4	-3.9
Public administration	818.4	815.2	9.3	-3.2	-12.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.5	0.0

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay. Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.7	439.5	...	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	266.5	265.2	2.5	-1.3	2.4	7.7	-0.5	0.9	3.0
Employment	222.6	221.2	2.5	-1.4	5.6	3.6	-0.6	2.6	1.7
Employment full-time	190.1	184.9	2.6	-5.2	-0.3	-0.6	-2.7	-0.2	-0.3
Employment part-time	32.5	36.3	2.0	3.8	5.9	4.2	11.7	19.4	13.1
Unemployment	43.9	44.1	2.3	0.2	-3.1	4.2	0.5	-6.6	10.5
Participation rate	60.6	60.3	0.6	-0.3	0.5	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.6	0.8	0.1	-1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.6	50.3	0.6	-0.3	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.6	114.7	...	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	78.8	77.3	0.7	-1.5	-0.8	-0.3	-1.9	-1.0	-0.4
Employment	68.9	68.0	0.7	-0.9	-2.2	-2.2	-1.3	-3.1	-3.1
Employment full-time	58.2	57.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7
Employment part-time	10.6	10.3	0.6	-0.3	-1.8	-1.8	-2.8	-14.9	-14.9
Unemployment	9.9	9.3	0.7	-0.6	1.4	1.9	-6.1	17.7	25.7
Participation rate	68.8	67.4	0.6	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	12.0	0.8	-0.6	1.9	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.3	0.7	-0.8	-2.4	-2.7	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	763.9	764.2	...	0.3	2.2	4.6	0.0	0.3	0.6
Labour force	492.9	491.6	3.0	-1.3	9.1	10.9	-0.3	1.9	2.3
Employment	449.2	448.1	3.4	-1.1	8.9	10.2	-0.2	2.0	2.3
Employment full-time	363.4	364.6	3.8	1.2	13.1	8.5	0.3	3.7	2.4
Employment part-time	85.8	83.5	3.3	-2.3	-4.2	1.7	-2.7	-4.8	2.1
Unemployment	43.8	43.5	2.7	-0.3	0.2	0.7	-0.7	0.5	1.6
Participation rate	64.5	64.3	0.4	-0.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.6	0.4	-0.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	612.1	612.4	...	0.3	1.8	3.1	0.0	0.3	0.5
Labour force	391.6	390.9	2.6	-0.7	6.7	6.8	-0.2	1.7	1.8
Employment	352.5	351.8	2.6	-0.7	5.7	8.3	-0.2	1.6	2.4
Employment full-time	297.7	295.2	2.9	-2.5	1.9	5.2	-0.8	0.6	1.8
Employment part-time	54.8	56.6	2.2	1.8	3.9	3.1	3.3	7.4	5.8
Unemployment	39.1	39.1	2.3	0.0	1.0	-1.5	0.0	2.6	-3.7
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.4	-0.2	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.4	-0.2	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,140.4	6,146.6	...	6.2	34.5	66.0	0.1	0.6	1.1
Labour force	4,028.9	4,021.2	15.6	-7.7	-40.6	15.1	-0.2	-1.0	0.4
Employment	3,708.0	3,692.9	16.3	-15.1	11.0	46.9	-0.4	0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	3,025.3	3,008.8	19.0	-16.5	34.9	33.8	-0.5	1.2	1.1
Employment part-time	682.7	684.1	16.2	1.4	-23.9	13.1	0.2	-3.4	2.0
Unemployment	320.9	328.4	13.8	7.5	-51.5	-31.7	2.3	-13.6	-8.8
Participation rate	65.6	65.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.2	0.3	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,929.5	9,947.8	...	18.3	90.5	169.4	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	6,801.7	6,820.9	18.2	19.2	84.7	103.4	0.3	1.3	1.5
Employment	6,328.9	6,346.6	18.5	17.7	60.8	122.8	0.3	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	5,215.2	5,243.6	22.1	28.4	97.4	185.6	0.5	1.9	3.7
Employment part-time	1,113.8	1,103.0	19.5	-10.8	-36.7	-62.8	-1.0	-3.2	-5.4
Unemployment	472.8	474.3	15.0	1.5	23.9	-19.4	0.3	5.3	-3.9
Participation rate	68.5	68.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	876.1	877.2	...	1.1	5.3	9.4	0.1	0.6	1.1
Labour force	607.8	609.9	2.7	2.1	9.1	12.9	0.3	1.5	2.2
Employment	575.8	575.4	2.9	-0.4	4.8	6.3	-0.1	0.8	1.1
Employment full-time	468.2	464.5	3.6	-3.7	3.2	6.2	-0.8	0.7	1.4
Employment part-time	107.7	110.9	3.3	3.2	1.6	0.1	3.0	1.5	0.1
Unemployment	32.0	34.5	2.2	2.5	4.2	6.6	7.8	13.9	23.7
Participation rate	69.4	69.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	757.4	757.8	...	0.4	1.6	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	516.5	516.6	2.6	0.1	-1.2	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Employment	491.7	489.8	2.7	-1.9	1.4	1.8	-0.4	0.3	0.4
Employment full-time	398.4	393.2	3.2	-5.2	0.8	6.1	-1.3	0.2	1.6
Employment part-time	93.3	96.6	2.9	3.3	0.5	-4.3	3.5	0.5	-4.3
Unemployment	24.8	26.8	1.9	2.0	-2.5	-1.4	8.1	-8.5	-5.0
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.6	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,512.2	2,517.0	...	4.8	23.3	45.3	0.2	0.9	1.8
Labour force	1,835.7	1,843.1	7.6	7.4	2.4	27.7	0.4	0.1	1.5
Employment	1,756.1	1,757.5	8.1	1.4	6.0	34.5	0.1	0.3	2.0
Employment full-time	1,443.5	1,438.5	10.3	-5.0	4.8	34.9	-0.3	0.3	2.5
Employment part-time	312.7	319.0	9.1	6.3	1.2	-0.4	2.0	0.4	-0.1
Unemployment	79.6	85.5	5.7	5.9	-3.7	-7.0	7.4	-4.1	-7.6
Participation rate	73.1	73.2	0.3	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,409.2	3,415.6	...	6.4	28.7	51.3	0.2	0.8	1.5
Labour force	2,226.6	2,249.4	11.1	22.8	26.8	60.1	1.0	1.2	2.7
Employment	2,053.1	2,080.3	11.4	27.2	8.9	70.3	1.3	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,611.8	1,647.0	13.7	35.2	25.5	66.5	2.2	1.6	4.2
Employment part-time	441.2	433.3	12.0	-7.9	-16.6	3.8	-1.8	-3.7	0.9
Unemployment	173.5	169.1	9.0	-4.4	18.0	-10.3	-2.5	11.9	-5.7
Participation rate	65.3	65.9	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.5	0.4	-0.3	0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.9	0.3	0.7	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...

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



Table 4

## Selected labour force characteristics, Newfoundland and Labrador (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.7	439.5	...	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	266.5	265.2	2.5	-1.3	2.4	7.7	-0.5	0.9	3.0
Employment	222.6	221.2	2.5	-1.4	5.6	3.6	-0.6	2.6	1.7
Employment full-time	190.1	184.9	2.6	-5.2	-0.3	-0.6	-2.7	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment	43.9	44.1	2.3	0.2	-3.1	4.2	0.5	-6.6	10.5
Participation rate	60.6	60.3	0.6	-0.3	0.5	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.6	0.8	0.1	-1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.6	50.3	0.6	-0.3	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.6	16.4	0.9	1.8	2.3	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	71.8	71.5	...	-0.3	-1.0	-1.8	-0.4	-1.4	-2.5
Labour force	41.2	39.4	1.3	-1.8	-0.3	1.1	-4.4	-0.8	2.9
Employment	31.2	30.1	1.3	-1.1	1.9	-0.1	-3.5	6.7	-0.3
Unemployment	10.0	9.3	1.1	-0.7	-2.2	1.2	-7.0	-19.1	14.8
Participation rate	57.4	55.1	1.8	-2.3	0.3	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.3	23.6	2.5	-0.7	-5.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.5	42.1	1.7	-1.4	3.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.8	40.2	3.6	2.4	2.3	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	179.4	179.5	...	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.7
Labour force	120.6	120.0	1.5	-0.6	1.9	3.4	-0.5	1.6	2.9
Employment	100.8	99.1	1.5	-1.7	1.3	0.7	-1.7	1.3	0.7
Unemployment	19.8	20.9	1.5	1.1	0.6	2.7	5.6	3.0	14.8
Participation rate	67.2	66.9	0.8	-0.3	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	17.4	1.2	1.0	0.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	55.2	0.8	-1.0	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	6.3	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.5	188.5	...	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.7
Labour force	104.8	105.9	1.3	1.1	0.8	3.4	1.0	0.8	3.3
Employment	90.6	92.0	1.4	1.4	2.4	3.0	1.5	2.7	3.4
Unemployment	14.1	13.9	1.2	-0.2	-1.6	0.3	-1.4	-10.3	2.2
Participation rate	55.6	56.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	13.1	1.1	-0.4	-1.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.1	48.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	19.5	1.3	2.5	3.5	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	222.6	221.2	2.5	-1.4	5.6	3.6	-0.6	2.6	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	52.2	52.8	1.6	0.6	4.4	8.7	1.1	9.1	19.7
Agriculture	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.2	8.3	18.2	-13.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.2	18.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	2.7	0.5	1.7	17.3
Utilities	2.0	1.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-5.0	-13.6	-9.5
Construction	12.3	12.3	0.8	0.0	2.1	2.6	0.0	20.6	26.8
Manufacturing	18.5	19.0	1.0	0.5	2.2	3.8	2.7	13.1	25.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	170.4	168.4	2.2	-2.0	1.2	-5.1	-1.2	0.7	-2.9
Trade	41.3	41.7	1.2	0.4	6.7	7.1	1.0	19.1	20.5
Transportation and warehousing	11.7	10.9	0.7	-0.8	-1.6	-3.2	-6.8	-12.8	-22.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.7	7.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	16.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.5	7.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-1.4	-4.0	-2.7	-16.3
Business, building and other support services	7.5	6.8	0.7	-0.7	-1.1	-1.3	-9.3	-13.9	-16.0
Educational services	16.7	16.8	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.6	2.4	8.4
Health care and social assistance	32.0	32.3	1.0	0.3	1.0	-1.0	0.9	3.2	-3.0
Information, culture and recreation	7.1	7.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	-1.4	7.0	5.6	-15.6
Accommodation and food services	12.5	12.6	0.9	0.1	-0.1	-2.1	0.8	-0.8	-14.3
Other services	12.1	10.6	0.9	-1.5	-2.5	-0.7	-12.4	-19.1	-6.2
Public administration	14.3	14.3	0.8	0.0	-1.7	-3.4	0.0	-10.6	-19.2

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5

## Selected labour force characteristics, Prince Edward Island (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	114.6	114.7	...	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	78.8	77.3	0.7	-1.5	-0.8	-0.3	-1.9	-1.0	-0.4
Employment	68.9	68.0	0.7	-0.9	-2.2	-2.2	-1.3	-3.1	-3.1
Employment full-time	58.2	57.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7
Unemployment	9.9	9.3	0.7	-0.6	1.4	1.9	-6.1	17.7	25.7
Participation rate	68.8	67.4	0.6	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	12.0	0.8	-0.6	1.9	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.3	0.7	-0.8	-2.4	-2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	15.1	0.9	-0.2	-2.1	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Labour force	13.8	12.8	0.4	-1.0	-0.7	-1.5	-7.2	-5.2	-10.5
Employment	11.4	10.4	0.4	-1.0	-1.3	-2.0	-8.8	-11.1	-16.1
Unemployment	2.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	4.2	38.9	31.6
Participation rate	68.3	63.4	1.9	-4.9	-3.8	-7.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.4	19.5	2.2	2.1	6.2	6.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	51.5	2.0	-4.9	-6.7	-9.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.2	30.8	3.2	-3.4	-10.3	-12.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.5	45.6	...	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.3
Labour force	33.5	33.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.7	-0.6	0.6	2.1
Employment	29.3	29.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7	-2.7	-1.0
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	31.2	31.2
Participation rate	73.6	73.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	12.6	1.1	0.1	2.9	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	63.8	0.9	-0.6	-2.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.5	1.0	0.0	1.5	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.8	48.9	...	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.2	1.0	1.5
Labour force	31.5	31.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	-1.0	-1.3	1.6
Employment	28.1	28.6	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.7
Unemployment	3.4	2.6	0.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.3	-23.5	-13.3	13.0
Participation rate	64.5	63.8	0.8	-0.7	-1.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	8.3	1.2	-2.5	-1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	58.5	0.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	19.2	1.4	1.1	-2.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	68.9	68.0	0.7	-0.9	-2.2	-2.2	-1.3	-3.1	-3.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	17.7	17.6	0.6	-0.1	-1.2	0.4	-0.6	-6.4	2.3
Agriculture	3.7	3.9	0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.4	5.4	-7.1	11.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	2.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-3.4	0.0	3.7
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.4	4.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3	-4.5	0.0	7.7
Manufacturing	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-1.6	-11.3	-7.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	51.1	50.4	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	-2.5	-1.4	-1.9	-4.7
Trade	10.6	9.8	0.4	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-7.5	-9.3	-9.3
Transportation and warehousing	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-14.3	-11.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	3.7	7.7	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3	12.5	0.0	-10.0
Business, building and other support services	2.7	2.4	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-11.1	4.3	-4.0
Educational services	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-2.2	-10.2	-10.2
Health care and social assistance	7.6	7.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	1.3	-1.3	-3.8
Information, culture and recreation	2.7	2.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-7.4	-3.8	-7.4
Accommodation and food services	5.4	5.1	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-5.6	4.1	0.0
Other services	3.1	3.1	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	-13.9	-16.2
Public administration	7.0	7.6	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.6	8.6	16.9	8.6

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 6

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	763.9	764.2	...	0.3	2.2	4.6	0.0	0.3	0.6
Labour force	492.9	491.6	3.0	-1.3	9.1	10.9	-0.3	1.9	2.3
Employment	449.2	448.1	3.4	-1.1	8.9	10.2	-0.2	2.0	2.3
Employment full-time	363.4	364.6	3.8	1.2	13.1	8.5	0.3	3.7	2.4
Unemployment	43.8	43.5	2.7	-0.3	0.2	0.7	-0.7	0.5	1.6
Participation rate	64.5	64.3	0.4	-0.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.6	0.4	-0.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	18.6	0.7	-0.5	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	124.3	124.3	...	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.5
Labour force	83.5	84.4	1.8	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.7
Employment	70.9	71.4	1.9	0.5	0.7	2.3	0.7	1.0	3.3
Unemployment	12.6	13.0	1.6	0.4	0.7	-1.0	3.2	5.7	-7.1
Participation rate	67.2	67.9	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	15.4	1.8	0.3	0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.4	1.6	0.4	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	45.7	2.4	0.2	-1.3	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	305.3	305.4	...	0.1	0.7	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	213.4	213.7	1.6	0.3	3.1	3.3	0.1	1.5	1.6
Employment	195.4	197.6	1.9	2.2	4.6	4.4	1.1	2.4	2.3
Unemployment	18.0	16.1	1.7	-1.9	-1.5	-1.0	-10.6	-8.5	-5.8
Participation rate	69.9	70.0	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	7.5	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.7	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	6.1	0.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	334.3	334.4	...	0.1	0.9	2.0	0.0	0.3	0.6
Labour force	196.0	193.5	1.6	-2.5	4.6	6.2	-1.3	2.4	3.3
Employment	182.8	179.0	1.6	-3.8	3.5	3.4	-2.1	2.0	1.9
Unemployment	13.2	14.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	2.8	9.8	8.2	23.9
Participation rate	58.6	57.9	0.5	-0.7	1.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	53.5	0.5	-1.2	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	21.7	1.2	-0.5	-2.0	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	449.2	448.1	3.4	-1.1	8.9	10.2	-0.2	2.0	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	97.2	98.7	2.3	1.5	-1.0	0.9	1.5	-1.0	0.9
Agriculture	4.9	5.6	0.6	0.7	-1.0	-0.8	14.3	-15.2	-12.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.2	14.9	0.9	-0.3	0.5	1.0	-2.0	3.5	7.2
Utilities	3.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	11.1	3.4
Construction	29.4	29.3	1.4	-0.1	1.0	3.8	-0.3	3.5	14.9
Manufacturing	44.7	45.9	1.5	1.2	-1.8	-3.2	2.7	-3.8	-6.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	352.0	349.4	3.0	-2.6	10.0	9.3	-0.7	2.9	2.7
Trade	76.5	78.3	1.7	1.8	3.6	1.3	2.4	4.8	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	19.5	20.7	1.0	1.2	0.6	-0.4	6.2	3.0	-1.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.0	21.4	0.8	-0.6	1.8	-0.2	-2.7	9.2	-0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.4	21.0	0.9	0.6	2.4	3.7	2.9	12.9	21.4
Business, building and other support services	25.3	25.6	1.2	0.3	1.5	3.3	1.2	6.2	14.8
Educational services	37.4	37.7	1.3	0.3	3.9	5.6	0.8	11.5	17.4
Health care and social assistance	55.8	53.6	1.3	-2.2	-1.4	-0.7	-3.9	-2.5	-1.3
Information, culture and recreation	18.9	17.4	1.0	-1.5	-1.4	0.9	-7.9	-7.4	5.5
Accommodation and food services	31.1	30.2	1.3	-0.9	3.9	3.6	-2.9	14.8	13.5
Other services	19.4	19.4	1.2	0.0	0.3	-4.2	0.0	1.6	-17.8
Public administration	25.8	24.1	1.0	-1.7	-5.3	-3.3	-6.6	-18.0	-12.0

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 7

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	612.1	612.4	...	0.3	1.8	3.1	0.0	0.3	0.5
Labour force	391.6	390.9	2.6	-0.7	6.7	6.8	-0.2	1.7	1.8
Employment	352.5	351.8	2.6	-0.7	5.7	8.3	-0.2	1.6	2.4
Employment full-time	297.7	295.2	2.9	-2.5	1.9	5.2	-0.8	0.6	1.8
Unemployment	39.1	39.1	2.3	0.0	1.0	-1.5	0.0	2.6	-3.7
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.4	-0.2	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.4	-0.2	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	16.1	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	64.5	65.3	1.3	0.8	1.1	2.2	1.2	1.7	3.5
Employment	53.9	55.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	4.6	2.8	3.2	9.1
Unemployment	10.6	9.9	1.2	-0.7	-0.6	-2.5	-6.6	-5.7	-20.2
Participation rate	66.4	67.2	1.4	0.8	1.2	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	15.2	1.7	-1.2	-1.2	-4.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	57.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	4.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.0	38.3	2.2	2.3	-1.6	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	248.9	249.0	...	0.1	0.9	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.6
Labour force	172.9	171.4	1.5	-1.5	0.2	-1.1	-0.9	0.1	-0.6
Employment	155.2	153.5	1.6	-1.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.1	-0.3	0.6
Unemployment	17.7	17.9	1.5	0.2	0.6	-1.9	1.1	3.5	-9.6
Participation rate	69.5	68.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.4	0.8	0.2	0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	61.6	0.7	-0.8	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	5.2	0.6	-0.1	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	266.0	266.1	...	0.1	0.9	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.7
Labour force	154.2	154.2	1.4	0.0	5.4	5.7	0.0	3.6	3.8
Employment	143.4	142.9	1.4	-0.5	4.5	2.8	-0.3	3.3	2.0
Unemployment	10.7	11.3	1.2	0.6	1.0	2.9	5.6	9.7	34.5
Participation rate	58.0	57.9	0.5	-0.1	1.8	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.3	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.9	53.7	0.6	-0.2	1.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.2	1.1	0.2	1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	352.5	351.8	2.6	-0.7	5.7	8.3	-0.2	1.6	2.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	84.2	82.0	1.8	-2.2	-2.2	-0.5	-2.6	-2.6	-0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.5	7.2	0.6	0.7	2.6	1.8	10.8	56.5	33.3
Utilities	11.5	11.1	0.8	-0.4	-1.0	-1.0	-3.5	-8.3	-8.3
Construction	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.0	5.6	11.8	0.0
Manufacturing	19.8	18.5	1.0	-1.3	-1.0	-0.2	-6.6	-5.1	-1.1
Services-producing sector	42.7	41.4	1.2	-1.3	-3.2	-1.2	-3.0	-7.2	-2.8
Services-producing sector	268.3	269.8	2.4	1.5	7.9	8.8	0.6	3.0	3.4
Trade	55.8	54.8	1.3	-1.0	-1.0	2.3	-1.8	-1.8	4.4
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	20.5	0.8	0.4	2.9	2.8	2.0	16.5	15.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.2	14.5	0.6	0.3	-0.3	0.5	2.1	-2.0	3.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.5	16.2	0.7	0.7	1.8	0.3	4.5	12.5	1.9
Business, building and other support services	21.9	22.1	1.0	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.9	2.3	-0.5
Educational services	25.8	25.0	0.8	-0.8	0.8	3.7	-3.1	3.3	17.4
Health care and social assistance	49.1	49.1	1.1	0.0	2.3	4.2	0.0	4.9	9.4
Information, culture and recreation	10.3	10.5	0.7	0.2	0.7	-2.2	1.9	7.1	-17.3
Accommodation and food services	19.3	21.1	1.0	1.8	-0.7	-1.1	9.3	-3.2	-5.0
Other services	18.4	17.7	0.9	-0.7	0.7	0.0	-3.8	4.1	0.0
Public administration	17.7	18.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	-1.7	3.4	1.7	-8.5

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

**Table 8**  
**Selected labour force characteristics, Quebec (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,140.4	6,146.6	...	6.2	34.5	66.0	0.1	0.6	1.1
Labour force	4,028.9	4,021.2	15.6	-7.7	-40.6	15.1	-0.2	-1.0	0.4
Employment	3,708.0	3,692.9	16.3	-15.1	11.0	46.9	-0.4	0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	3,025.3	3,008.8	19.0	-16.5	34.9	33.8	-0.5	1.2	1.1
Unemployment	320.9	328.4	13.8	7.5	-51.5	-31.7	2.3	-13.6	-8.8
Participation rate	65.6	65.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.2	0.3	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.5	0.4	0.1	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	949.0	948.7	...	-0.3	-1.5	-2.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	637.2	633.8	8.7	-3.4	-17.3	-15.6	-0.5	-2.7	-2.4
Employment	549.6	550.4	8.6	0.8	4.7	-9.5	0.1	0.9	-1.7
Unemployment	87.6	83.4	7.5	-4.2	-21.9	-6.1	-4.8	-20.8	-6.8
Participation rate	67.1	66.8	0.9	-0.3	-1.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.2	1.1	-0.5	-3.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.0	0.9	0.1	0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.4	46.1	1.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,532.2	2,535.6	...	3.4	18.4	34.8	0.1	0.7	1.4
Labour force	1,839.0	1,837.2	8.5	-1.8	-8.5	8.7	-0.1	-0.5	0.5
Employment	1,706.3	1,698.9	9.5	-7.4	4.7	22.7	-0.4	0.3	1.4
Unemployment	132.7	138.3	8.2	5.6	-13.2	-14.0	4.2	-8.7	-9.2
Participation rate	72.6	72.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.5	0.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	6.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,659.2	2,662.3	...	3.1	17.6	33.9	0.1	0.7	1.3
Labour force	1,552.7	1,550.3	9.0	-2.4	-14.8	22.1	-0.2	-0.9	1.4
Employment	1,452.1	1,443.5	9.2	-8.6	1.6	33.6	-0.6	0.1	2.4
Unemployment	100.6	106.8	7.7	6.2	-16.3	-11.5	6.2	-13.2	-9.7
Participation rate	58.4	58.2	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.9	0.5	0.4	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	22.0	0.7	0.8	-1.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>3,708.0</b>	<b>3,692.9</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	927.8	911.4	11.3	-16.4	-14.7	-17.3	-1.8	-1.6	-1.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	54.8	53.4	2.7	-1.4	-3.6	-4.4	-2.6	-6.3	-7.6
Utilities	36.6	31.5	2.4	-5.1	-7.2	-8.5	-13.9	-18.6	-21.2
Construction	30.8	34.9	1.9	4.1	5.2	5.1	13.3	17.5	17.1
Manufacturing	171.2	167.6	5.7	-3.6	-10.2	-3.2	-2.1	-5.7	-1.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>634.5</b>	<b>624.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Trade	2,780.2	2,781.5	16.2	1.3	25.8	64.2	0.0	0.9	2.4
Transportation and warehousing	612.2	619.4	10.3	7.2	13.7	22.0	1.2	2.3	3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	178.0	181.0	5.3	3.0	17.4	15.5	1.7	10.6	9.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	195.4	201.8	5.7	6.4	1.1	16.2	3.3	0.5	8.7
Business, building and other support services	225.8	227.3	6.4	1.5	14.8	16.4	0.7	7.0	7.8
Educational services	106.0	104.3	5.5	-1.7	-8.1	-14.1	-1.6	-7.2	-11.9
Health care and social assistance	235.4	233.1	6.5	-2.3	-21.7	-23.7	-1.0	-8.5	-9.2
Information, culture and recreation	463.3	461.2	7.6	-2.1	9.0	35.4	-0.5	2.0	8.3
Accommodation and food services	155.3	159.1	5.9	3.8	-2.2	4.5	2.4	-1.4	2.9
Other services	209.0	202.7	6.8	-6.3	-7.6	-16.2	-3.0	-3.6	-7.4
Public administration	178.6	171.2	5.9	-7.4	3.5	5.0	-4.1	2.1	3.0
	221.3	220.4	5.4	-0.9	5.9	3.1	-0.4	2.8	1.4

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
 Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 9

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,929.5	9,947.8	...	18.3	90.5	169.4	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	6,801.7	6,820.9	18.2	19.2	84.7	103.4	0.3	1.3	1.5
Employment	6,328.9	6,346.6	18.5	17.7	60.8	122.8	0.3	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	5,215.2	5,243.6	22.1	28.4	97.4	185.6	0.5	1.9	3.7
Unemployment	472.8	474.3	15.0	1.5	23.9	-19.4	0.3	5.3	-3.9
Participation rate	68.5	68.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	17.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,624.4	1,627.8	...	3.4	16.7	30.9	0.2	1.0	1.9
Labour force	1,087.3	1,107.4	10.8	20.1	28.9	28.0	1.8	2.7	2.6
Employment	923.8	951.7	10.2	27.9	32.2	43.8	3.0	3.5	4.8
Unemployment	163.4	155.8	9.1	-7.6	-3.2	-15.6	-4.7	-2.0	-9.1
Participation rate	66.9	68.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	14.1	0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	58.5	0.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.9	45.2	1.1	-0.6	-3.3	-4.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,034.3	4,041.4	...	7.1	35.1	65.9	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	3,047.2	3,056.9	9.1	9.7	37.0	40.8	0.3	1.2	1.4
Employment	2,878.6	2,886.4	10.1	7.8	15.8	42.0	0.3	0.6	1.5
Unemployment	168.6	170.5	8.2	1.9	21.2	-1.2	1.1	14.2	-0.7
Participation rate	75.5	75.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.4	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	5.4	0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,270.8	4,278.6	...	7.8	38.7	72.6	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	2,667.3	2,656.5	10.9	-10.8	18.7	34.4	-0.4	0.7	1.3
Employment	2,526.5	2,508.5	11.0	-18.0	12.7	37.0	-0.7	0.5	1.5
Unemployment	140.7	148.0	8.4	7.3	6.0	-2.5	5.2	4.2	-1.7
Participation rate	62.5	62.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	20.6	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,328.9	6,346.6	18.5	17.7	60.8	122.8	0.3	1.0	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,656.9	1,666.7	14.2	9.8	14.7	21.1	0.6	0.9	1.3
Agriculture	82.5	83.8	3.5	1.3	-3.3	0.6	1.6	-3.8	0.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.6	37.9	1.7	1.3	6.1	6.7	3.6	19.2	21.5
Utilities	55.0	54.5	2.7	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-2.0
Construction	380.6	386.9	7.9	6.3	-8.4	-1.9	1.7	-2.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	1,102.2	1,103.6	12.2	1.4	20.8	16.9	0.1	1.9	1.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,672.0	4,679.8	19.8	7.8	45.9	101.6	0.2	1.0	2.2
Trade	948.8	953.6	11.3	4.8	15.2	17.3	0.5	1.6	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	308.1	306.2	6.8	-1.9	11.6	31.9	-0.6	3.9	11.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	450.2	446.2	8.1	-4.0	12.3	14.9	-0.9	2.8	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	430.7	433.6	8.9	2.9	17.9	-20.8	0.7	4.3	-4.6
Business, building and other support services	268.2	271.9	7.8	3.7	-17.9	11.4	1.4	-6.2	4.4
Educational services	408.0	408.0	7.2	0.0	14.9	24.3	0.0	3.8	6.3
Health care and social assistance	630.6	624.6	7.9	-6.0	-1.3	15.7	-1.0	-0.2	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	294.7	297.2	7.2	2.5	5.2	12.8	0.8	1.8	4.5
Accommodation and food services	365.6	376.0	8.2	10.4	-8.6	-2.2	2.8	-2.2	-0.6
Other services	262.6	255.3	6.8	-7.3	2.7	-8.3	-2.8	1.1	-3.1
Public administration	304.6	307.3	6.0	2.7	-6.1	4.5	0.9	-1.9	1.5

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 10

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	876.1	877.2	...	1.1	5.3	9.4	0.1	0.6	1.1
Labour force	607.8	609.9	2.7	2.1	9.1	12.9	0.3	1.5	2.2
Employment	575.8	575.4	2.9	-0.4	4.8	6.3	-0.1	0.8	1.1
Employment full-time	468.2	464.5	3.6	-3.7	3.2	6.2	-0.8	0.7	1.4
Unemployment	32.0	34.5	2.2	2.5	4.2	6.6	7.8	13.9	23.7
Participation rate	69.4	69.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	19.3	0.6	0.6	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	152.1	152.4	...	0.3	1.4	2.5	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	108.6	107.9	1.7	-0.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.6	0.8	-0.1
Employment	96.0	95.4	1.7	-0.6	-2.3	-2.7	-0.6	-2.4	-2.8
Unemployment	12.6	12.4	1.4	-0.2	3.1	2.6	-1.6	33.3	26.5
Participation rate	71.4	70.8	1.1	-0.6	-0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	11.5	1.2	-0.1	2.8	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.6	1.1	-0.5	-2.1	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.5	44.4	1.8	1.9	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	353.5	353.8	...	0.3	1.8	3.4	0.1	0.5	1.0
Labour force	267.6	268.8	1.4	1.2	3.4	3.5	0.4	1.3	1.3
Employment	257.2	258.9	1.5	1.7	5.3	4.0	0.7	2.1	1.6
Unemployment	10.3	9.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.9	-0.5	-3.9	-16.1	-4.8
Participation rate	75.7	76.0	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.8	73.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	5.9	0.6	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	370.5	371.0	...	0.5	2.0	3.6	0.1	0.5	1.0
Labour force	231.7	233.2	1.6	1.5	4.8	9.5	0.6	2.1	4.2
Employment	222.6	221.0	1.6	-1.6	1.8	4.9	-0.7	0.8	2.3
Unemployment	9.0	12.2	1.1	3.2	3.0	4.6	35.6	32.6	60.5
Participation rate	62.5	62.9	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	5.2	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.6	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	24.1	1.0	1.2	2.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	575.8	575.4	2.9	-0.4	4.8	6.3	-0.1	0.8	1.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	142.7	143.9	2.1	1.2	1.2	4.3	0.8	0.8	3.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.1	31.3	1.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	-1.3	-0.6
Utilities	6.4	7.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.2	12.5	20.0	20.0
Construction	7.1	7.2	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.1	1.4	9.1	1.4
Manufacturing	27.9	28.2	1.1	0.3	1.7	0.6	1.1	6.4	2.2
Services-producing sector	70.2	70.0	1.4	-0.2	-2.0	2.7	-0.3	-2.8	4.0
Services-producing sector	433.2	431.5	3.0	-1.7	3.7	2.0	-0.4	0.9	0.5
Trade	82.5	82.1	1.7	-0.4	-3.4	-1.7	-0.5	-4.0	-2.0
Transportation and warehousing	32.9	31.4	1.1	-1.5	-2.9	-3.1	-4.6	-8.5	-9.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	31.0	30.2	1.0	-0.8	0.2	2.4	-2.6	0.7	8.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.4	26.3	1.0	0.9	2.6	3.3	3.5	11.0	14.3
Business, building and other support services	20.7	20.3	1.0	-0.4	3.8	1.1	-1.9	23.0	5.7
Educational services	42.2	42.8	1.2	0.6	-0.1	1.1	1.4	-0.2	2.6
Health care and social assistance	78.0	78.8	1.3	0.8	3.9	5.1	1.0	5.2	6.9
Information, culture and recreation	25.5	25.3	1.0	-0.2	1.8	1.6	-0.8	7.7	6.8
Accommodation and food services	32.5	32.4	1.4	-0.1	-7.0	-7.0	-0.3	-17.8	-17.8
Other services	26.3	24.7	1.1	-1.6	0.3	-5.8	-6.1	1.2	-19.0
Public administration	36.2	37.3	1.0	1.1	4.4	5.0	3.0	13.4	15.5

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	757.4	757.8	...	0.4	1.6	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	516.5	516.6	2.6	0.1	-1.2	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Employment	491.7	489.8	2.7	-1.9	1.4	1.8	-0.4	0.3	0.4
Employment full-time	398.4	393.2	3.2	-5.2	0.8	6.1	-1.3	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	24.8	26.8	1.9	2.0	-2.5	-1.4	8.1	-8.5	-5.0
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.6	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.7	0.6	0.7	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.3	138.4	...	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Labour force	93.4	92.7	1.6	-0.7	-0.6	-2.8	-0.7	-0.6	-2.9
Employment	85.1	83.2	1.6	-1.9	1.5	-2.0	-2.2	1.8	-2.3
Unemployment	8.3	9.4	1.2	1.1	-2.2	-0.9	13.3	-19.0	-8.7
Participation rate	67.5	67.0	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	10.1	1.2	1.2	-2.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.1	1.1	-1.4	1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.9	43.4	1.7	4.5	1.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.8	301.9	...	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	227.5	227.9	1.3	0.4	-1.2	1.0	0.2	-0.5	0.4
Employment	217.6	216.1	1.4	-1.5	-2.4	0.3	-0.7	-1.1	0.1
Unemployment	9.9	11.8	1.1	1.9	1.1	0.7	19.2	10.3	6.3
Participation rate	75.4	75.5	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.2	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	71.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	317.3	317.5	...	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	195.7	196.0	1.5	0.3	0.6	2.2	0.2	0.3	1.1
Employment	189.0	190.4	1.5	1.4	2.1	3.4	0.7	1.1	1.8
Unemployment	6.6	5.6	0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-1.2	-15.2	-21.1	-17.6
Participation rate	61.7	61.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	60.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.3	24.6	1.0	0.3	-0.2	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	491.7	489.8	2.7	-1.9	1.4	1.8	-0.4	0.3	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	125.5	126.3	2.0	0.8	0.6	3.6	0.6	0.5	2.9
Agriculture	45.8	45.9	1.5	0.1	-3.0	-3.4	0.2	-6.1	-6.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.6	18.5	0.8	-2.1	-2.1	1.6	-10.2	-10.2	9.5
Utilities	5.8	5.5	0.3	-0.3	0.9	1.3	-5.2	19.6	31.0
Construction	24.5	25.0	1.0	0.5	2.1	1.1	2.0	9.2	4.6
Manufacturing	28.9	31.5	1.0	2.6	2.7	3.1	9.0	9.4	10.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	366.1	363.4	2.7	-2.7	0.7	-1.9	-0.7	0.2	-0.5
Trade	77.3	76.1	1.4	-1.2	-3.5	-0.4	-1.6	-4.4	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	23.1	23.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	3.5	2.6	3.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.2	27.3	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.8	16.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.9	-1.7	-2.4	-5.2	-9.4
Business, building and other support services	13.2	13.5	0.8	0.3	1.3	3.2	2.3	10.7	31.1
Educational services	45.0	45.0	1.2	0.0	4.4	3.1	0.0	10.8	7.4
Health care and social assistance	58.8	59.9	1.1	1.1	2.6	-0.1	1.9	4.5	-0.2
Information, culture and recreation	22.1	20.6	0.9	-1.5	-2.7	-1.0	-6.8	-11.6	-4.6
Accommodation and food services	36.1	35.0	1.3	-1.1	0.9	-1.1	-3.0	2.6	-3.0
Other services	21.6	22.8	1.0	1.2	2.0	-0.5	5.6	9.6	-2.1
Public administration	25.0	22.9	0.8	-2.1	-4.4	-4.6	-8.4	-16.1	-16.7

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088



**Table 12**  
**Selected labour force characteristics, Alberta (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,512.2	2,517.0	...	4.8	23.3	45.3	0.2	0.9	1.8
Labour force	1,835.7	1,843.1	7.6	7.4	2.4	27.7	0.4	0.1	1.5
Employment	1,756.1	1,757.5	8.1	1.4	6.0	34.5	0.1	0.3	2.0
Employment full-time	1,443.5	1,438.5	10.3	-5.0	4.8	34.9	-0.3	0.3	2.5
Unemployment	79.6	85.5	5.7	5.9	-3.7	-7.0	7.4	-4.1	-7.6
Participation rate	73.1	73.2	0.3	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	18.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	468.3	468.9	...	0.6	2.6	5.4	0.1	0.6	1.2
Labour force	327.8	325.7	4.7	-2.1	-1.2	-12.5	-0.6	-0.4	-3.7
Employment	298.1	297.9	4.7	-0.2	-2.3	-10.5	-0.1	-0.8	-3.4
Unemployment	29.6	27.8	3.4	-1.8	1.1	-2.1	-6.1	4.1	-7.0
Participation rate	70.0	69.5	1.0	-0.5	-0.6	-3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.5	1.0	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.5	1.0	-0.2	-0.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.4	39.1	1.6	0.7	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,022.5	1,024.6	...	2.1	10.5	20.0	0.2	1.0	2.0
Labour force	828.0	828.8	3.6	0.8	-5.9	10.0	0.1	-0.7	1.2
Employment	802.3	798.0	4.3	-4.3	-3.3	14.6	-0.5	-0.4	1.9
Unemployment	25.7	30.8	3.4	5.1	-2.6	-4.6	19.8	-7.8	-13.0
Participation rate	81.0	80.9	0.4	-0.1	-1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.7	0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.5	77.9	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,021.4	1,023.4	...	2.0	10.2	19.8	0.2	1.0	2.0
Labour force	680.0	688.5	4.4	8.5	9.5	30.1	1.2	1.4	4.6
Employment	655.7	661.6	4.4	5.9	11.7	30.4	0.9	1.8	4.8
Unemployment	24.3	26.9	3.0	2.6	-2.3	-0.3	10.7	-7.9	-1.1
Participation rate	66.6	67.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.9	0.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	24.5	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,756.1	1,757.5	8.1	1.4	6.0	34.5	0.1	0.3	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	505.9	497.4	6.1	-8.5	2.7	31.2	-1.7	0.5	6.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	69.1	69.5	2.7	0.4	-2.5	1.0	0.6	-3.5	1.5
Utilities	115.4	115.8	2.9	0.4	6.8	14.2	0.3	6.2	14.0
Construction	13.9	14.5	0.9	0.6	-0.6	0.6	4.3	-4.0	4.3
Manufacturing	154.2	154.5	4.1	0.3	8.7	16.7	0.2	6.0	12.1
Services-producing sector	153.3	143.2	3.6	-10.1	-9.6	-1.2	-6.6	-6.3	-0.8
Services-producing sector	1,250.2	1,260.1	8.4	9.9	3.3	3.3	0.8	0.3	0.3
Trade	260.3	267.0	4.9	6.7	-7.9	-5.7	2.6	-2.9	-2.1
Transportation and warehousing	100.0	100.1	3.0	0.1	6.8	1.4	0.1	7.3	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	88.8	90.3	2.6	1.5	-1.8	7.4	1.7	-2.0	8.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	124.2	125.4	3.3	1.2	4.6	5.8	1.0	3.8	4.8
Business, building and other support services	59.9	64.1	3.1	4.2	3.6	1.8	7.0	6.0	2.9
Educational services	110.9	112.7	3.2	1.8	4.0	4.3	1.6	3.7	4.0
Health care and social assistance	167.2	169.2	3.2	2.0	3.4	2.4	1.2	2.1	1.4
Information, culture and recreation	69.9	72.4	2.8	2.5	2.8	1.0	3.6	4.0	1.4
Accommodation and food services	122.2	118.1	3.6	-4.1	-2.1	0.1	-3.4	-1.7	0.1
Other services	80.1	76.7	2.7	-3.4	-2.7	-9.3	-4.2	-3.4	-10.8
Public administration	66.8	64.2	2.2	-2.6	-7.5	-6.0	-3.9	-10.5	-8.5

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
 Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 13

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,409.2	3,415.6	...	6.4	28.7	51.3	0.2	0.8	1.5
Labour force	2,226.6	2,249.4	11.1	22.8	26.8	60.1	1.0	1.2	2.7
Employment	2,053.1	2,080.3	11.4	27.2	8.9	70.3	1.3	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,611.8	1,647.0	13.7	35.2	25.5	66.5	2.2	1.6	4.2
Unemployment	173.5	169.1	9.0	-4.4	18.0	-10.3	-2.5	11.9	-5.7
Participation rate	65.3	65.9	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.5	0.4	-0.3	0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.9	0.3	0.7	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	20.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	555.1	555.8	...	0.7	3.3	7.2	0.1	0.6	1.3
Labour force	354.6	356.6	6.1	2.0	1.4	27.8	0.6	0.4	8.5
Employment	298.4	304.6	5.9	6.2	-5.1	19.1	2.1	-1.6	6.7
Unemployment	56.2	52.0	5.0	-4.2	6.5	8.6	-7.5	14.3	19.8
Participation rate	63.9	64.2	1.1	0.3	-0.1	4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	14.6	1.4	-1.2	1.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	54.8	1.1	1.0	-1.3	2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.5	46.2	2.0	-2.3	-1.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,390.6	1,393.3	...	2.7	11.8	20.2	0.2	0.9	1.5
Labour force	995.7	1,006.0	5.9	10.3	14.8	6.1	1.0	1.5	0.6
Employment	935.0	943.6	6.2	8.6	9.4	14.2	0.9	1.0	1.5
Unemployment	60.7	62.4	5.3	1.7	5.5	-8.1	2.8	9.7	-11.5
Participation rate	71.6	72.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.7	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,463.5	1,466.5	...	3.0	13.5	23.9	0.2	0.9	1.7
Labour force	876.3	886.8	6.3	10.5	10.6	26.2	1.2	1.2	3.0
Employment	819.7	832.1	6.6	12.4	4.6	37.0	1.5	0.6	4.7
Unemployment	56.6	54.7	4.9	-1.9	6.0	-10.8	-3.4	12.3	-16.5
Participation rate	59.9	60.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.6	-0.3	0.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	56.7	0.5	0.7	-0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.2	26.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,053.1	2,080.3	11.4	27.2	8.9	70.3	1.3	0.4	3.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	430.4	441.1	7.5	10.7	24.3	17.1	2.5	5.8	4.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.5	39.1	2.6	-0.4	6.2	5.7	-1.0	18.8	17.1
Utilities	37.0	39.2	3.0	2.2	-1.7	-10.4	5.9	-4.2	-21.0
Construction	11.9	11.7	1.2	-0.2	0.8	-2.3	-1.7	7.3	-16.4
Manufacturing	141.4	150.6	4.7	9.2	22.2	27.4	6.5	17.3	22.2
Services-producing sector	200.6	200.6	5.0	0.0	-3.1	-3.2	0.0	-1.5	-1.6
Services-producing sector	1,622.7	1,639.2	11.5	16.5	-15.4	53.3	1.0	-0.9	3.4
Trade	306.2	308.9	6.4	2.7	-12.7	-8.6	0.9	-3.9	-2.7
Transportation and warehousing	117.7	122.8	3.9	5.1	7.0	11.4	4.3	6.0	10.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	136.3	133.1	4.2	-3.2	0.4	11.1	-2.3	0.3	9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	148.8	143.5	4.5	-5.3	-2.3	3.8	-3.6	-1.6	2.7
Business, building and other support services	89.6	87.1	3.9	-2.5	-3.9	5.5	-2.8	-4.3	6.7
Educational services	136.0	134.5	4.5	-1.5	-8.8	-10.3	-1.1	-6.1	-7.1
Health care and social assistance	221.8	227.9	4.7	6.1	7.6	13.6	2.8	3.4	6.3
Information, culture and recreation	100.8	112.6	4.3	11.8	2.3	6.5	11.7	2.1	6.1
Accommodation and food services	174.0	179.3	5.1	5.3	3.6	17.7	3.0	2.0	11.0
Other services	92.9	92.8	4.0	-0.1	-7.3	-4.0	-0.1	-7.3	-4.1
Public administration	98.6	96.6	3.5	-2.0	-1.4	6.5	-2.0	-1.4	7.2

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 14

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	145.4	145.5	...	0.1	0.9	1.7	0.1	0.6	1.2
Labour force	96.1	97.3	0.8	1.2	0.7	-2.1	1.2	0.7	-2.1
Employment	87.8	88.0	0.9	0.2	1.1	-2.2	0.2	1.3	-2.4
Unemployment	8.3	9.4	0.5	1.1	-0.3	0.2	13.3	-3.1	2.2
Participation rate	66.1	66.9	0.6	0.8	0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	9.7	0.5	1.1	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	291.8	292.2	...	0.4	2.2	4.3	0.1	0.8	1.5
Labour force	208.2	208.7	1.3	0.5	6.2	7.9	0.2	3.1	3.9
Employment	195.2	195.6	1.3	0.4	4.9	7.7	0.2	2.6	4.1
Unemployment	13.0	13.0	0.7	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	11.1	0.8
Participation rate	71.4	71.4	0.5	0.0	1.6	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.9	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	101.0	101.1	...	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	66.4	65.9	0.7	-0.5	1.3	0.8	-0.8	2.0	1.2
Employment	61.1	60.3	0.7	-0.8	1.4	1.7	-1.3	2.4	2.9
Unemployment	5.3	5.6	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.9	5.7	-1.8	-13.8
Participation rate	65.7	65.2	0.7	-0.5	1.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.5	0.6	0.5	-0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	59.6	0.7	-0.9	1.3	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	130.1	130.0	...	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6
Labour force	86.0	85.1	0.8	-0.9	5.7	4.9	-1.0	7.2	6.1
Employment	76.5	76.0	0.8	-0.5	6.0	5.2	-0.7	8.6	7.3
Unemployment	9.5	9.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-3.2	-2.1	-2.1
Participation rate	66.1	65.5	0.6	-0.6	4.7	4.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	10.8	0.6	-0.2	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.5	0.6	-0.3	4.9	4.4	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	581.1	581.7	...	0.6	3.2	6.0	0.1	0.6	1.0
Labour force	381.5	383.8	2.8	2.3	6.3	-5.2	0.6	1.7	-1.3
Employment	359.2	361.8	2.9	2.6	12.1	-3.2	0.7	3.5	-0.9
Unemployment	22.4	21.9	1.5	-0.5	-5.9	-2.1	-2.2	-21.2	-8.8
Participation rate	65.7	66.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.4	-0.2	-1.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	62.2	0.5	0.4	1.8	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	118.1	118.1	...	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.5
Labour force	72.2	71.5	0.7	-0.7	-2.1	-1.7	-1.0	-2.9	-2.3
Employment	64.2	63.5	0.8	-0.7	-2.4	-1.8	-1.1	-3.6	-2.8
Unemployment	8.0	8.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	3.9	1.3
Participation rate	61.1	60.5	0.7	-0.6	-2.0	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.2	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	53.8	0.7	-0.6	-2.1	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	129.7	129.9	...	0.2	1.0	1.8	0.2	0.8	1.4
Labour force	86.5	86.6	0.7	0.1	1.0	2.2	0.1	1.2	2.6
Employment	81.1	81.2	0.7	0.1	2.0	2.4	0.1	2.5	3.0
Unemployment	5.5	5.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2	-1.8	-15.6	-3.6
Participation rate	66.7	66.7	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.2	0.4	-0.2	-1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.5	0.6	0.0	1.1	1.0	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,941.0	2,945.1	...	4.1	24.0	46.5	0.1	0.8	1.6
Labour force	1,984.0	1,988.3	7.2	4.3	-30.3	19.9	0.2	-1.5	1.0
Employment	1,825.2	1,830.9	7.5	5.7	-2.5	56.3	0.3	-0.1	3.2
Unemployment	158.8	157.4	4.8	-1.4	-27.8	-36.4	-0.9	-15.0	-18.8
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.2	0.0	-1.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.9	0.2	-0.1	-1.3	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.2	0.3	0.1	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	929.6	931.5	...	1.9	10.6	20.8	0.2	1.2	2.3
Labour force	654.3	656.8	3.1	2.5	1.9	1.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
Employment	607.4	609.9	3.3	2.5	2.6	-3.5	0.4	0.4	-0.6
Unemployment	46.9	46.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.8	4.9	-0.2	-1.7	11.7
Participation rate	70.4	70.5	0.3	0.1	-0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.5	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,234.3	4,244.2	...	9.9	55.6	107.1	0.2	1.3	2.6
Labour force	2,969.9	2,981.2	8.8	11.3	79.8	72.1	0.4	2.8	2.5
Employment	2,739.0	2,760.5	9.0	21.5	70.4	86.3	0.8	2.6	3.2
Unemployment	230.9	220.7	5.3	-10.2	9.4	-14.1	-4.4	4.4	-6.0
Participation rate	70.1	70.2	0.2	0.1	0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.2	-0.4	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.0	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	570.4	571.1	...	0.7	3.5	7.0	0.1	0.6	1.2
Labour force	394.2	398.0	2.6	3.8	7.1	16.7	1.0	1.8	4.4
Employment	365.7	370.0	2.7	4.3	0.6	10.7	1.2	0.2	3.0
Unemployment	28.5	28.1	1.3	-0.4	6.6	6.1	-1.4	30.7	27.7
Participation rate	69.1	69.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.3	-0.1	1.6	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.8	0.5	0.7	-0.3	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	361.5	362.1	...	0.6	3.2	6.8	0.2	0.9	1.9
Labour force	250.2	251.8	1.6	1.6	-0.1	1.3	0.6	0.0	0.5
Employment	235.8	237.3	1.7	1.5	-1.9	2.8	0.6	-0.8	1.2
Unemployment	14.3	14.5	0.8	0.2	1.8	-1.5	1.4	14.2	-9.4
Participation rate	69.2	69.5	0.5	0.3	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.3	0.1	0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.5	0.5	0.3	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	349.7	350.0	...	0.3	1.3	2.9	0.1	0.4	0.8
Labour force	241.3	242.5	1.9	1.2	1.7	7.7	0.5	0.7	3.3
Employment	228.5	230.6	2.0	2.1	7.1	11.6	0.9	3.2	5.3
Unemployment	12.8	11.9	0.9	-0.9	-5.5	-3.9	-7.0	-31.6	-24.7
Participation rate	69.0	69.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.9	0.4	-0.4	-2.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.9	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	251.9	252.4	...	0.5	2.6	5.4	0.2	1.0	2.2
Labour force	181.4	181.8	1.2	0.4	1.0	-1.4	0.2	0.6	-0.8
Employment	171.9	172.5	1.2	0.6	0.5	-1.0	0.3	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment	9.5	9.3	0.5	-0.2	0.5	-0.4	-2.1	5.7	-4.1
Participation rate	72.0	72.0	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.1	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.3	0.5	0.1	-0.6	-1.9	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	326.7	326.9	...	0.2	0.6	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.5
Labour force	203.9	202.0	1.6	-1.9	-7.8	-5.6	-0.9	-3.7	-2.7
Employment	187.5	185.2	1.6	-2.3	-10.5	-8.5	-1.2	-5.4	-4.4
Unemployment	16.4	16.8	0.8	0.4	2.7	2.9	2.4	19.1	20.9
Participation rate	62.4	61.8	0.5	-0.6	-2.5	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.3	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	56.7	0.5	-0.7	-3.3	-2.8	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.4	126.4	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	82.1	82.2	0.7	0.1	2.3	2.4	0.1	2.9	3.0
Employment	74.7	74.6	0.7	-0.1	2.6	1.1	-0.1	3.6	1.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.6	0.4	0.3	-0.3	1.3	4.1	-3.8	20.6
Participation rate	65.0	65.0	0.6	0.0	1.9	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.2	0.5	0.3	-0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.0	0.6	-0.1	2.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.2	100.2	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	66.2	66.8	0.6	0.6	0.0	-1.6	0.9	0.0	-2.3
Employment	61.6	61.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	-3.1	-0.3	-1.1	-4.8
Unemployment	4.6	5.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.5	17.4	14.9	38.5
Participation rate	66.1	66.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	8.1	0.3	1.2	1.1	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-2.8	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	264.6	265.0	...	0.4	2.6	5.3	0.2	1.0	2.0
Labour force	174.6	175.7	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.8	0.6	1.5	1.0
Employment	160.9	160.9	1.5	0.0	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment	13.8	14.8	0.8	1.0	1.7	2.2	7.2	13.0	17.5
Participation rate	66.0	66.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	546.4	547.2	...	0.8	3.6	6.6	0.1	0.7	1.2
Labour force	388.4	389.6	1.3	1.2	10.8	6.5	0.3	2.9	1.7
Employment	368.1	368.1	1.3	0.0	10.2	2.9	0.0	2.8	0.8
Unemployment	20.4	21.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	3.6	5.4	3.4	20.1
Participation rate	71.1	71.2	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.3	0.2	-0.1	1.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.4	156.5	...	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	115.6	115.4	0.7	-0.2	0.7	2.9	-0.2	0.6	2.6
Employment	109.6	109.7	0.7	0.1	1.3	3.2	0.1	1.2	3.0
Unemployment	6.0	5.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-5.0	-9.5	-3.4
Participation rate	73.9	73.7	0.5	-0.2	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.5	0.0	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	184.3	184.4	...	0.1	1.0	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.9
Labour force	128.3	128.7	0.8	0.4	0.3	-1.2	0.3	0.2	-0.9
Employment	120.0	120.8	0.8	0.8	0.2	-1.8	0.7	0.2	-1.5
Unemployment	8.3	7.9	0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.6	-4.8	1.3	8.2
Participation rate	69.6	69.8	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.5	0.5	0.4	-0.3	-1.6	...	...	...

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

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	852.9	854.8	...	1.9	10.0	20.5	0.2	1.2	2.5
Labour force	643.8	645.2	3.0	1.4	9.9	18.7	0.2	1.6	3.0
Employment	611.6	612.8	3.1	1.2	12.9	19.1	0.2	2.2	3.2
Unemployment	32.1	32.3	1.6	0.2	-3.1	-0.5	0.6	-8.8	-1.5
Participation rate	75.5	75.5	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.0	0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.7	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	792.4	793.5	...	1.1	5.4	12.1	0.1	0.7	1.5
Labour force	574.7	571.5	2.6	-3.2	-1.5	8.7	-0.6	-0.3	1.5
Employment	548.4	548.1	2.7	-0.3	1.5	16.0	-0.1	0.3	3.0
Unemployment	26.2	23.4	1.3	-2.8	-3.0	-7.4	-10.7	-11.4	-24.0
Participation rate	72.5	72.0	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,806.9	1,810.6	...	3.7	19.9	37.7	0.2	1.1	2.1
Labour force	1,229.4	1,235.0	4.8	5.6	25.6	47.4	0.5	2.1	4.0
Employment	1,138.4	1,143.3	5.0	4.9	10.2	43.7	0.4	0.9	4.0
Unemployment	90.9	91.7	3.0	0.8	15.4	3.8	0.9	20.2	4.3
Participation rate	68.0	68.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	263.2	263.5	...	0.3	1.8	2.6	0.1	0.7	1.0
Labour force	167.3	168.6	1.7	1.3	0.3	5.3	0.8	0.2	3.2
Employment	159.0	159.9	1.8	0.9	0.5	8.2	0.6	0.3	5.4
Unemployment	8.3	8.7	0.7	0.4	-0.2	-2.8	4.8	-2.2	-24.3
Participation rate	63.6	64.0	0.7	0.4	-0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.7	0.7	0.3	-0.2	2.6	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0090

Table 15

## Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, monthly

	May 2004	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,944.9	2,949.2	...	4.3	24.2	46.9	0.1	0.8	1.6
Labour force	1,982.1	1,988.9	15.7	6.8	-29.5	15.0	0.3	-1.5	0.8
Employment	1,835.3	1,823.5	16.2	-11.8	-5.5	42.9	-0.6	-0.3	2.4
Unemployment	146.9	165.4	11.9	18.5	-24.0	-28.0	12.6	-12.7	-14.5
Participation rate	67.3	67.4	0.5	0.1	-1.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	8.3	0.6	0.9	-1.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	61.8	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,243.5	4,255.0	...	11.5	58.5	108.0	0.3	1.4	2.6
Labour force	2,990.6	2,996.2	18.5	5.6	81.1	79.1	0.2	2.8	2.7
Employment	2,761.7	2,780.3	18.7	18.6	74.4	107.0	0.7	2.7	4.0
Unemployment	228.8	215.9	12.6	-12.9	6.7	-27.9	-5.6	3.2	-11.4
Participation rate	70.5	70.4	0.5	-0.1	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.2	0.4	-0.5	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.3	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,810.2	1,814.7	...	4.5	21.1	38.5	0.2	1.2	2.2
Labour force	1,247.6	1,237.0	10.6	-10.6	31.2	50.0	-0.8	2.6	4.2
Employment	1,154.7	1,147.2	10.7	-7.5	10.4	44.9	-0.6	0.9	4.1
Unemployment	92.8	89.9	7.3	-2.9	20.8	5.3	-3.1	30.1	6.3
Participation rate	68.9	68.2	0.6	-0.7	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.3	0.6	-0.1	1.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0091

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

	June	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2003	25,208.0	17,105.6	15,784.3	1,321.3	67.9	7.7	62.6
	2004	25,557.3	17,331.1	16,076.7	1,254.4	67.8	7.2	62.9
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2003	439.1	266.1	221.2	44.9	60.6	16.9	50.4
	2004	439.7	270.1	223.9	46.2	61.4	17.1	50.9
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	208.6	134.5	115.8	18.7	64.5	13.9	55.5
	2004	210.4	133.7	117.1	16.6	63.5	12.4	55.7
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	36.8	19.1	15.2	3.9	51.9	20.4	41.3
	2004	36.1	22.3	18.2	4.0	61.8	17.9	50.4
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	93.9	59.0	48.7	10.4	62.8	17.6	51.9
	2004	93.7	57.0	43.6	13.4	60.8	23.5	46.5
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	99.8	53.5	41.5	12.0	53.6	22.4	41.6
	2004	99.4	57.1	44.9	12.2	57.4	21.4	45.2
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2003	113.2	79.2	70.7	8.6	70.0	10.9	62.5
	2004	114.5	79.4	70.0	9.4	69.3	11.8	61.1
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2003	759.3	483.1	439.8	43.3	63.6	9.0	57.9
	2004	763.9	495.6	451.1	44.5	64.9	9.0	59.1
210 Cape Breton	2003	119.9	65.0	55.1	9.8	54.2	15.1	46.0
	2004	119.0	67.3	58.0	9.3	56.6	13.8	48.7
220 North Shore	2003	133.2	82.4	74.4	8.0	61.9	9.7	55.9
	2004	133.4	83.6	75.2	8.4	62.7	10.0	56.4
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	102.0	62.3	56.7	5.6	61.1	9.0	55.6
	2004	102.6	64.5	58.0	6.5	62.9	10.1	56.5
240 Southern	2003	104.3	66.0	59.1	6.8	63.3	10.3	56.7
	2004	104.7	64.6	57.8	6.8	61.7	10.5	55.2
250 Halifax	2003	299.9	207.5	194.5	13.0	69.2	6.3	64.9
	2004	304.2	215.6	202.2	13.4	70.9	6.2	66.5
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2003	609.0	389.3	343.8	45.5	63.9	11.7	56.5
	2004	612.0	394.8	352.4	42.4	64.5	10.7	57.6
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.0	81.3	66.9	14.4	56.1	17.7	46.1
	2004	144.3	85.8	71.8	13.9	59.5	16.2	49.8
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	154.4	103.8	93.8	10.0	67.2	9.6	60.8
	2004	156.4	108.8	99.4	9.4	69.6	8.6	63.6
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.8	90.8	81.0	9.8	64.9	10.8	57.9
	2004	140.4	90.1	81.1	9.0	64.2	10.0	57.8
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	100.0	68.4	61.5	6.9	68.4	10.1	61.5
	2004	101.0	66.2	60.4	5.7	65.5	8.6	59.8
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.8	45.1	40.7	4.4	64.6	9.8	58.3
	2004	69.9	44.0	39.6	4.3	62.9	9.8	56.7
<b>Quebec</b>	2003	6,075.5	4,041.1	3,670.8	370.4	66.5	9.2	60.4
	2004	6,140.6	4,066.2	3,736.7	329.4	66.2	8.1	60.9
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.0	45.8	37.0	8.8	55.9	19.2	45.1
	2004	81.6	43.8	34.8	9.0	53.7	20.5	42.6
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.2	99.8	89.7	10.2	59.7	10.2	53.6
	2004	166.9	104.0	93.1	10.9	62.3	10.5	55.8
420 Québec	2003	538.9	361.5	336.8	24.6	67.1	6.8	62.5
	2004	544.5	356.7	335.5	21.2	65.5	5.9	61.6



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

	June	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.9	219.7	207.7	12.1	68.7	5.5	64.9
	2004	321.3	224.1	211.3	12.8	69.7	5.7	65.8
430 Estrie	2003	239.4	158.5	147.5	11.0	66.2	6.9	61.6
	2004	241.8	153.0	143.8	9.2	63.3	6.0	59.5
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.4	123.7	112.5	11.1	68.6	9.0	62.4
	2004	181.3	118.1	108.6	9.5	65.1	8.0	59.9
435 Montérégie	2003	1,083.5	741.7	687.9	53.8	68.5	7.3	63.5
	2004	1,096.3	749.5	695.9	53.6	68.4	7.2	63.5
440 Montréal	2003	1,520.1	1,000.4	878.0	122.4	65.8	12.2	57.8
	2004	1,540.7	1,002.9	913.7	89.1	65.1	8.9	59.3
445 Laval	2003	293.7	200.3	181.7	18.6	68.2	9.3	61.9
	2004	298.1	205.4	186.7	18.8	68.9	9.2	62.6
450 Lanaudière	2003	328.2	229.9	211.3	18.5	70.0	8.0	64.4
	2004	333.7	230.9	218.2	12.7	69.2	5.5	65.4
455 Laurentides	2003	392.6	266.7	246.8	19.8	67.9	7.4	62.9
	2004	401.4	279.5	261.1	18.3	69.6	6.5	65.0
460 Outaouais	2003	265.5	183.9	170.7	13.2	69.3	7.2	64.3
	2004	271.4	186.1	171.4	14.8	68.6	8.0	63.2
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.1	74.4	66.5	7.9	61.9	10.6	55.4
	2004	119.3	78.3	70.0	8.3	65.6	10.6	58.7
470 Mauricie	2003	215.5	131.3	119.0	12.4	60.9	9.4	55.2
	2004	215.5	125.4	111.8	13.6	58.2	10.8	51.9
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.1	142.6	124.4	18.2	61.4	12.8	53.6
	2004	231.2	144.5	125.7	18.8	62.5	13.0	54.4
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.2	61.0	53.2	7.7	63.4	12.6	55.3
	2004	95.5	64.0	55.1	8.9	67.0	13.9	57.7
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2003	9,762.7	6,708.4	6,235.5	472.9	68.7	7.0	63.9
	2004	9,930.7	6,815.2	6,344.7	470.5	68.6	6.9	63.9
510 Ottawa	2003	946.8	659.7	616.9	42.7	69.7	6.5	65.2
	2004	963.8	655.9	608.3	47.6	68.1	7.3	63.1
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	338.1	206.2	194.6	11.6	61.0	5.6	57.6
	2004	339.0	204.8	191.2	13.6	60.4	6.6	56.4
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	299.1	186.6	175.3	11.3	62.4	6.1	58.6
	2004	302.3	195.0	186.7	8.3	64.5	4.3	61.8
530 Toronto	2003	4,334.7	3,059.4	2,815.5	243.9	70.6	8.0	65.0
	2004	4,446.0	3,129.0	2,902.3	226.7	70.4	7.2	65.3
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	891.6	635.5	601.3	34.2	71.3	5.4	67.4
	2004	911.4	646.5	612.6	33.9	70.9	5.2	67.2
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,083.0	728.2	683.6	44.6	67.2	6.1	63.1
	2004	1,093.4	734.0	680.5	53.5	67.1	7.3	62.2
560 London	2003	486.3	338.2	315.7	22.4	69.5	6.6	64.9
	2004	490.1	344.4	326.2	18.2	70.3	5.3	66.6
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	513.8	333.3	310.4	22.9	64.9	6.9	60.4
	2004	519.4	338.1	310.1	28.0	65.1	8.3	59.7

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

	June	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.3	155.3	146.3	9.0	65.7	5.8	61.9
	2004	237.3	168.3	160.7	7.5	70.9	4.5	67.7
590 Northeast	2003	453.9	280.3	258.5	21.8	61.8	7.8	57.0
	2004	450.2	277.6	253.6	24.0	61.7	8.6	56.3
595 Northwest	2003	179.2	125.8	117.3	8.5	70.2	6.8	65.5
	2004	177.6	121.7	112.4	9.3	68.5	7.6	63.3
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2003	866.9	599.9	573.9	26.1	69.2	4.4	66.2
	2004	876.2	610.5	578.6	31.9	69.7	5.2	66.0
610 Southeast	2003	70.5	51.1	49.4	1.7	72.5	3.3	70.1
	2004	72.0	52.2	49.3	2.8	72.5	5.4	68.5
620 South Central	2003	40.9	27.4	26.2	1.2	67.0	4.4	64.1
	2004	41.7	28.4	27.6	0.8	68.1	2.8	66.2
630 Southwest	2003	82.1	55.6	54.0	1.6	67.7	2.9	65.8
	2004	82.2	55.6	53.0	2.6	67.6	4.7	64.5
640 North Central	2003	34.7	23.6	22.6	1.0	68.0	4.2	65.1
	2004	34.9	23.0	21.9	1.1	65.9	4.8	62.8
650 Winnipeg	2003	503.0	353.8	337.5	16.3	70.3	4.6	67.1
	2004	508.7	360.9	340.5	20.3	70.9	5.6	66.9
660 Interlake	2003	68.4	45.8	43.9	1.9	67.0	4.1	64.2
	2004	69.8	47.6	46.0	1.7	68.2	3.6	65.9
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.3	42.5	40.2	2.3	63.2	5.4	59.7
	2004	66.9	42.8	40.3	2.5	64.0	5.8	60.2
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2003	756.0	519.8	490.8	29.0	68.8	5.6	64.9
	2004	757.5	521.1	494.5	26.6	68.8	5.1	65.3
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.1	153.4	145.8	7.6	71.0	5.0	67.5
	2004	216.5	155.0	147.7	7.3	71.6	4.7	68.2
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	83.6	55.8	53.4	2.4	66.7	4.3	63.9
	2004	83.1	53.1	50.9	2.3	63.9	4.3	61.3
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.6	163.9	155.3	8.6	72.0	5.2	68.2
	2004	229.3	160.9	152.0	8.9	70.2	5.5	66.3
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.1	40.5	38.5	2.0	58.6	4.9	55.7
	2004	68.6	43.0	41.2	1.8	62.7	4.2	60.1
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.6	106.1	97.8	8.3	66.5	7.8	61.3
	2004	160.1	109.0	102.7	6.3	68.1	5.8	64.1
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2003	2,466.4	1,820.6	1,720.6	100.0	73.8	5.5	69.8
	2004	2,512.5	1,843.4	1,759.3	84.1	73.4	4.6	70.0
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	193.0	137.9	131.5	6.4	71.5	4.6	68.1
	2004	196.1	137.2	132.1	5.2	70.0	3.8	67.4
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.9	102.4	98.0	4.5	71.2	4.4	68.1
	2004	145.3	101.9	98.8	3.0	70.1	2.9	68.0
830 Calgary	2003	888.3	668.4	633.2	35.2	75.2	5.3	71.3
	2004	910.6	690.3	656.6	33.7	75.8	4.9	72.1
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.5	45.5	42.3	3.2	70.5	7.0	65.6
	2004	64.7	45.7	44.3	x	70.6	x	68.5

**Table 16**

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

	June	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2003	123.3	92.7	87.2	5.5	75.2	5.9	70.7
	2004	126.2	92.0	87.0	5.0	72.9	5.4	68.9
860 Edmonton	2003	804.9	585.5	552.5	33.0	72.7	5.6	68.6
	2004	817.4	592.6	566.7	25.9	72.5	4.4	69.3
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	170.6	123.5	115.3	8.3	72.4	6.7	67.6
	2004	172.5	121.9	114.6	7.3	70.7	6.0	66.4
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	77.7	64.5	60.5	4.0	83.0	6.2	77.9
	2004	79.6	61.8	59.2	2.6	77.6	4.2	74.4
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2003	3,359.9	2,197.9	2,017.3	180.6	65.4	8.2	60.0
	2004	3,409.8	2,234.8	2,065.4	169.4	65.5	7.6	60.6
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	572.3	343.0	313.6	29.4	59.9	8.6	54.8
	2004	578.0	352.8	324.0	28.8	61.0	8.2	56.1
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,013.9	1,348.9	1,250.7	98.3	67.0	7.3	62.1
	2004	2,055.2	1,393.1	1,295.4	97.7	67.8	7.0	63.0
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	393.5	242.9	219.8	23.1	61.7	9.5	55.9
	2004	397.9	240.7	224.5	16.3	60.5	6.8	56.4
940 Kootenay	2003	125.1	81.7	72.4	9.3	65.3	11.4	57.9
	2004	125.5	72.0	65.6	6.4	57.4	8.9	52.3
950 Cariboo	2003	134.2	92.3	80.4	12.0	68.8	13.0	59.9
	2004	133.3	93.5	82.9	10.6	70.1	11.3	62.2
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.2	53.1	47.3	5.8	72.5	10.9	64.6
	2004	72.2	48.7	41.9	6.8	67.5	14.0	58.0
980 Northeast	2003	47.7	35.9	33.2	2.6	75.3	7.2	69.6
	2004	47.7	33.9	31.1	2.8	71.1	8.3	65.2

<sup>1</sup> For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0054

Table 17

## Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada (in thousands), unadjusted

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>June 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,890.6	35.8	679.67	18.42	11,528.3	39.4	769.09	2,362.3	18.0	243.25
15 to 24 years	2,542.4	30.2	331.81	10.41	1,568.4	38.8	449.69	974.0	16.3	142.01
25 years and over	11,348.2	37.0	757.60	20.22	9,959.9	39.5	819.39	1,388.3	19.1	314.29
Men	7,087.9	38.4	786.17	20.05	6,412.8	40.7	847.39	675.2	17.0	204.70
Women	6,802.6	33.0	568.69	16.73	5,115.5	37.9	670.94	1,687.1	18.3	258.68
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,410.2	36.1	787.59	21.61	3,814.9	38.7	852.73	595.3	19.7	370.10
No union coverage	9,480.4	35.6	629.46	16.94	7,713.4	39.8	727.73	1,767.0	17.4	200.52
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,862.7	36.5	716.91	19.17	10,174.8	39.4	792.27	1,687.9	18.8	262.60
Temporary	2,027.8	31.7	461.82	14.06	1,353.4	39.6	594.86	674.4	15.9	194.83
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	975.8	40.2	1,180.32	29.46	949.3	40.7	1,202.26	26.5	19.6	395.24
Business, finance and administrative	2,724.1	35.3	635.33	17.71	2,336.4	38.1	694.60	387.6	18.4	278.11
Natural and applied sciences	925.8	38.7	1,008.85	26.07	902.9	39.2	1,022.94	22.9	18.7	453.80
Health	810.6	33.3	741.53	22.15	612.7	37.4	836.46	197.8	20.6	447.52
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,029.8	34.4	885.03	25.77	840.9	38.1	979.07	188.9	18.3	466.49
Art, culture, recreation and sport	280.8	33.9	670.94	18.92	219.9	38.9	800.91	60.9	15.8	201.76
Sales and service	3,628.7	31.1	403.51	12.20	2,358.0	38.4	530.45	1,270.7	17.5	167.93
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,935.8	40.2	743.67	18.35	1,816.4	41.7	777.46	119.4	17.6	229.64
Occupations unique to primary industry	345.0	42.6	623.69	14.35	307.6	45.9	680.50	37.4	15.2	156.61
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,234.3	39.4	651.95	16.40	1,184.2	40.3	670.80	50.1	18.4	206.11
<b>June 2003</b>										
15 years and over	13,634.3	35.9	659.76	17.84	11,283.6	39.6	747.96	2,350.7	17.9	236.38
15 to 24 years	2,483.7	29.9	322.81	10.20	1,491.1	39.0	444.90	992.6	16.3	139.41
25 years and over	11,150.6	37.2	734.81	19.55	9,792.5	39.7	794.11	1,358.1	19.0	307.25
Men	6,990.7	38.6	766.52	19.48	6,323.4	40.9	825.16	667.3	17.1	210.86
Women	6,643.6	33.0	547.41	16.12	4,960.2	38.0	649.54	1,683.4	18.2	246.49
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,411.7	36.3	757.62	20.74	3,821.1	38.8	817.51	590.6	19.7	370.12
No union coverage	9,222.6	35.7	612.94	16.46	7,462.5	40.0	712.35	1,760.2	17.3	191.50
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,680.8	36.6	695.18	18.56	9,989.8	39.6	769.78	1,691.0	18.6	254.46
Temporary	1,953.5	31.8	447.94	13.56	1,293.8	39.8	579.45	659.7	16.1	190.04
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	875.4	40.5	1,151.10	28.56	853.7	41.0	1,169.88	21.7	20.2	411.63
Business, finance and administrative	2,569.5	35.2	612.57	17.08	2,186.3	38.2	675.29	383.2	18.0	254.77
Natural and applied sciences	918.7	38.7	979.25	25.39	890.2	39.3	997.91	28.5	19.3	396.98
Health	770.2	33.1	699.61	21.10	560.1	37.9	801.97	210.1	20.5	426.80
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,016.6	34.9	845.77	24.38	838.3	38.3	924.11	178.4	18.5	477.56
Art, culture, recreation and sport	301.9	32.6	598.94	17.69	231.5	38.3	727.43	70.4	14.1	176.74
Sales and service	3,685.0	31.5	414.98	12.34	2,426.2	38.7	543.53	1,258.8	17.6	167.23
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,913.8	40.5	734.60	18.03	1,800.5	41.9	766.81	113.2	17.7	222.46
Occupations unique to primary industry	341.1	41.2	604.47	14.26	296.7	45.0	674.22	44.4	15.3	137.89
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,242.1	39.7	638.63	15.98	1,200.2	40.4	653.75	41.9	17.7	206.12

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

Table 18

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

Region	Effective from July 11, 2004 to August 7, 2004	Region	Effective from July 11, 2004 to August 7, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	9.6	30. London	4.9
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.3	31. Niagara	7.6
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	8.4
03. Prince Edward Island	12.3	33. Kitchener	5.8
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	8.6
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.9	35. South Central Ontario	5.2
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.2	36. Sudbury	9.4
06. Halifax	6.3	37. Thunder Bay	8.5
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	12.3
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.2	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.7	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.3	40. Southern Manitoba	6.3
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	26.9
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	21.1	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	5.7	42. Regina	5.0
12. Trois-Rivières	11.3	43. Saskatoon	6.2
13. South Central Quebec	5.6	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.8
14. Sherbrooke	6.2	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.1
15. Montérégie	7.4	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	7.9	46. Calgary	5.1
17. Central Quebec	9.0	47. Edmonton	4.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	17.1	48. Northern Alberta	10.0
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	13.8	49. Southern Alberta	5.8
20. Hull	6.8	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.7	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.3
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	6.3
22. Ottawa	7.3	52. Vancouver	7.6
23. Eastern Ontario	7.7	53. Victoria	5.6
24. Kingston	6.3	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	11.6
25. Central Ontario	4.9	55. Northern British Columbia	14.6
26. Oshawa	5.1	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.4	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	7.1	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	8.3	58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

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

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

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

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

Table 19

## Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 by detailed age groups, unadjusted data (in thousands)

	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from		% change from	
					last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
<b>Students<sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>15 to 24 years</b>								
Population	2,209.3	2,228.2	2,217.3	26.3	-10.9	8.0	-0.5	0.4
Labour force	1,257.3	1,319.5	1,312.3	26.9	-7.2	55.0	-0.5	4.4
Employment	1,072.8	1,129.3	1,121.7	25.3	-7.6	48.9	-0.7	4.6
Full-time employment	370.9	406.9	427.9	17.9	21.0	57.0	5.2	15.4
Part-time employment	701.9	722.4	693.8	20.8	-28.6	-8.1	-4.0	-1.2
Unemployment	184.5	190.1	190.6	12.2	0.5	6.1	0.3	3.3
Participation rate	56.9	59.2	59.2	0.9	0.0	2.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	14.4	14.5	0.9	0.1	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	48.6	50.7	50.6	0.8	-0.1	2.0	...	...
Part-time rate	65.4	64.0	61.9	1.3	-2.1	-3.6	...	...
<b>15 to 16 years</b>								
Population	781.2	767.1	777.2	4.5	10.1	-4.0	1.3	-0.5
Labour force	275.2	293.3	288.2	11.4	-5.1	13.0	-1.7	4.7
Employment	211.4	224.9	217.2	10.7	-7.7	5.8	-3.4	2.7
Full-time employment	10.8	14.5	15.8	4.3	1.3	5.0	9.0	46.3
Part-time employment	200.6	210.4	201.3	10.2	-9.1	0.7	-4.3	0.3
Unemployment	63.8	68.4	71.0	6.7	2.6	7.2	3.8	11.3
Participation rate	35.2	38.2	37.1	1.4	-1.1	1.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	23.2	23.3	24.6	2.0	1.3	1.4	...	...
Employment rate	27.1	29.3	27.9	1.4	-1.4	0.8	...	...
Part-time rate	94.9	93.6	92.7	1.5	-0.9	-2.2	...	...
<b>17 to 19 years</b>								
Population	815.6	808.7	824.1	14.5	15.4	8.5	1.9	1.0
Labour force	517.2	533.1	530.8	15.5	-2.3	13.6	-0.4	2.6
Employment	447.2	455.7	457.4	15.0	1.7	10.2	0.4	2.3
Full-time employment	111.9	131.3	131.5	9.8	0.2	19.6	0.2	17.5
Part-time employment	335.3	324.4	325.8	13.4	1.4	-9.5	0.4	-2.8
Unemployment	70.0	77.4	73.4	7.6	-4.0	3.4	-5.2	4.9
Participation rate	63.4	65.9	64.4	1.4	-1.5	1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	14.5	13.8	1.3	-0.7	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	56.3	55.5	1.5	-0.8	0.7	...	...
Part-time rate	75.0	71.2	71.2	1.8	0.0	-3.7	...	...
<b>20 to 24 years</b>								
Population	612.5	652.4	616.1	20.6	-36.3	3.6	-5.6	0.6
Labour force	465.0	493.1	493.3	18.4	0.2	28.3	0.0	6.1
Employment	414.3	448.8	447.1	17.5	-1.7	32.8	-0.4	7.9
Full-time employment	248.2	261.2	280.5	14.0	19.3	32.3	7.4	13.0
Part-time employment	166.0	187.6	166.6	12.0	-21.0	0.6	-11.2	0.4
Unemployment	50.7	44.3	46.2	6.5	1.9	-4.5	4.3	-8.9
Participation rate	75.9	75.6	80.1	1.8	4.5	4.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	9.0	9.4	1.4	0.4	-1.5	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	68.8	72.6	1.9	3.8	5.0	...	...
Part-time rate	40.1	41.8	37.3	2.4	-4.5	-2.8	...	...
<b>Other persons aged 15 to 24<sup>3</sup></b>								
Population	1,920.6	1,935.5	1,987.8	21.9	52.3	67.2	2.7	3.5
Labour force	1,647.3	1,670.9	1,706.3	23.6	35.4	59.0	2.1	3.6
Employment	1,455.9	1,465.8	1,521.3	23.1	55.5	65.4	3.8	4.5
Full-time employment	1,158.2	1,138.9	1,185.6	24.0	46.7	27.4	4.1	2.4
Part-time employment	297.7	326.9	335.7	18.8	8.8	38.0	2.7	12.8
Unemployment	191.4	205.2	185.0	14.4	-20.2	-6.4	-9.8	-3.3
Participation rate	85.8	86.3	85.8	0.6	-0.5	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	12.3	10.8	0.6	-1.4	-0.8	...	...
Employment rate	75.8	75.7	76.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	22.3	22.1	0.9	-0.2	1.6	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change over the year (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

<sup>2</sup> Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall. Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.

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Table 20

## Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 by province, unadjusted data (in thousands)

	June	Population	Labour force					Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment			
<b>Students<sup>1</sup></b>										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2003	36.3	15.0	11.0	4.8	6.1	4.0	41.3	26.7	30.3
	2004	37.4	18.2	14.2	7.5	6.7	4.0	48.7	22.0	38.0
Prince Edward Island	2003	11.1	8.5	7.7	3.5	4.3	0.8	76.6	9.4	69.4
	2004	9.7	5.8	5.3	3.0	2.4	0.4	59.8	6.9	54.6
Nova Scotia	2003	65.7	39.3	34.8	16.0	18.8	4.5	59.8	11.5	53.0
	2004	69.0	42.5	36.7	13.1	23.6	5.8	61.6	13.6	53.2
New Brunswick	2003	50.4	33.0	26.1	13.0	13.1	6.8	65.5	20.6	51.8
	2004	47.5	31.6	25.9	12.0	13.9	5.7	66.5	18.0	54.5
Quebec	2003	519.0	331.8	284.4	114.1	170.3	47.4	63.9	14.3	54.8
	2004	506.1	306.2	263.0	106.2	156.8	43.2	60.5	14.1	52.0
Ontario	2003	910.7	548.3	458.5	138.8	319.6	89.8	60.2	16.4	50.3
	2004	920.7	561.6	471.6	182.5	289.2	90.0	61.0	16.0	51.2
Manitoba	2003	68.0	42.1	38.6	14.2	24.4	3.4	61.9	8.1	56.8
	2004	73.7	46.7	40.5	14.0	26.5	6.2	63.4	13.3	55.0
Saskatchewan	2003	69.1	43.3	39.2	14.1	25.2	4.1	62.7	9.5	56.7
	2004	65.6	39.8	36.3	12.2	24.1	3.4	60.7	8.5	55.3
Alberta	2003	214.6	138.5	126.0	50.4	75.6	12.5	64.5	9.0	58.7
	2004	211.6	123.8	114.4	39.7	74.8	9.4	58.5	7.6	54.1
British Columbia	2003	283.3	119.8	103.1	38.1	65.0	16.7	42.3	13.9	36.4
	2004	276.1	136.3	113.6	37.7	75.9	22.7	49.4	16.7	41.1
<b>Other persons aged 15-24<sup>2</sup></b>										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2003	37.0	30.4	25.3	20.0	5.3	5.1	82.2	16.8	68.4
	2004	34.1	27.2	20.7	15.4	5.4	6.4	79.8	23.5	60.7
Prince Edward Island	2003	9.1	8.0	7.3	6.3	1.1	0.5	87.9	6.2	80.2
	2004	10.5	8.9	7.4	6.6	0.8	1.5	84.8	16.9	70.5
Nova Scotia	2003	58.0	48.5	40.2	31.1	9.3	8.2	83.6	16.9	69.3
	2004	55.4	47.9	41.6	34.3	7.2	6.3	86.5	13.2	75.1
New Brunswick	2003	47.1	38.1	31.9	27.5	4.3	6.4	80.9	16.8	67.7
	2004	49.8	41.2	36.4	30.0	6.4	4.8	82.7	11.7	73.1
Quebec	2003	432.5	382.1	332.1	263.0	69.2	50.1	88.3	13.1	76.8
	2004	442.6	385.0	342.9	268.8	74.2	42.0	87.0	10.9	77.5
Ontario	2003	686.2	593.0	509.4	399.7	109.7	83.7	86.4	14.1	74.2
	2004	707.1	615.4	545.3	425.1	120.1	70.2	87.0	11.4	77.1
Manitoba	2003	81.9	70.8	65.2	49.5	15.6	5.5	86.4	7.8	79.6
	2004	78.7	66.4	60.6	46.6	14.0	5.7	84.4	8.6	77.0
Saskatchewan	2003	69.4	59.9	53.6	42.8	10.8	6.3	86.3	10.5	77.2
	2004	72.8	60.4	54.4	42.4	12.0	5.8	83.0	9.6	74.7
Alberta	2003	249.0	219.7	204.4	159.6	44.8	15.4	88.2	7.0	82.1
	2004	257.3	221.5	205.1	164.1	41.0	16.4	86.1	7.4	79.7
British Columbia	2003	265.4	220.4	196.5	139.4	57.1	24.0	83.0	10.9	74.0
	2004	279.7	232.5	206.8	152.1	54.6	25.7	83.1	11.1	73.9

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## Data Quality

### About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 53,000 representative households across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. It has been carried out monthly since then. The information generated by the survey has expanded considerably over the years with a major redesign of the survey content in 1976 and again in 1997, and provides a rich and detailed picture of the Canadian labour market.

The sample used in the Labour Force Survey has been designed to represent all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in the provinces of Canada, with the exception of the following: persons living on Indian reserves, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions (for example, inmates of penal institutions and patients in hospitals or nursing homes who have resided in the institution for more than six months). Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

### Definitions and explanations

The **labour force** is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- a) did any work at all
- b) had a job but were not at work

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are greater than 29 hours per week. When the number of hours worked at the main job is usually less than 30 hours per week then he/she is considered to be **part-time**.

**Unemployed** persons are those who, during the reference week:

- a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work;
- b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but were on temporary layoff and were available for work;
- c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Persons in the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed are classified as **not in the labour force**.

The **unemployment rate** represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

The **participation rate** represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **employment rate (formerly the employment/population ratio)** represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **part-time rate** represents the number of persons employed part-time expressed as a percentage of the employed. The part-time rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed part-time in that group expressed as a percentage of the employed for that group.

All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.



## Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations. The seasonally adjusted series are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication.

## Sampling error

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because they are based on a sample survey, the estimates are subject to sampling error. Changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. In most tables in this publication an indicator of the sampling error is provided. Two thirds of the time, a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. Movements in estimates that are smaller than the sampling error are less likely to reflect a real change and more likely to be due to sampling variability. While the above is true for monthly movements, one can have more confidence in a series of consecutive movements in the same direction, even though some of the monthly movements may be smaller than the sampling error.

For more detailed information about the Labour Force Survey, see the following documents:

- *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-GIE)*
- *Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-XPB)*