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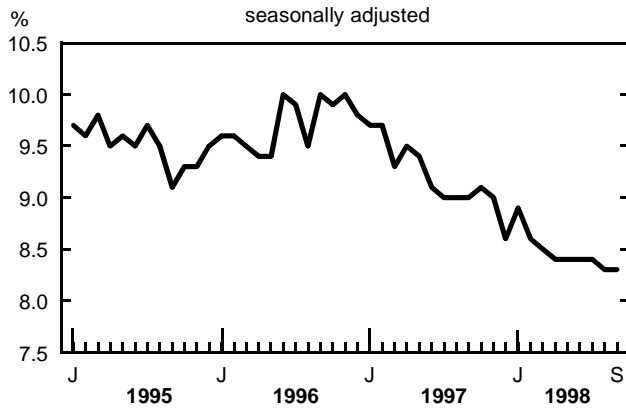
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Labour Force Survey

September 1998

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Unemployment rate

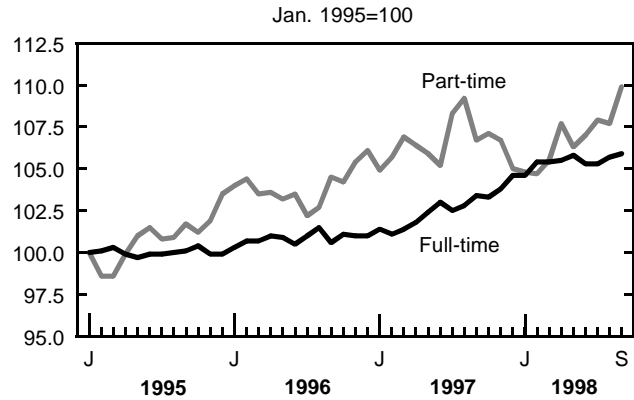


Part-time job gains for youths and adult women

September's strong increase in part-time employment brings the total gains since December to 121,000 (+4.6%). Full-time employment increased slightly in September (+18,000) following a gain of 42,000 in August. Since last December, full-time employment has grown by 1.2%.

Youths 15 to 24 years of age accounted for more than half of the overall job growth in September. Youth employment rose by 43,000 — the third consecutive monthly increase. Whereas in July and August the gains were mainly in full-time employment, most of the increase in September was in part-time employment (+40,000). Employment among adult women 25 years or age and over increased by 21,000 in September — all in part-time work. Job gains so far this year for adult women total 112,000 (+2.1%). In contrast, employment among adult men was little changed in September. Since December 1997, employment among adult men has increased by only 0.8%.

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Increases in public sector and self-employment

The number of employees in the public sector climbed by 44,000 in September, with gains spread in health and social services, education, and transportation, communication and other utilities. This increase brings gains to 61,000 since the start of the year. After edging down in August, the number of private sector employees was little changed in September. Since December 1997, the number of private sector employees has increased by 102,000 (+1.1%). Self-employment rose by 22,000 — the third consecutive monthly increase. This continues the upward trend that began in April and brings gains since then to 122,000.

Jobs increase in services, decline in goods sector

Employment in business and personal services jumped by 84,000 in September, bringing gains since last December to 175,000. September's increase was mainly in Ontario. Employment in health and social services rose by 17,000, continuing the growth that began almost a year ago. Employment rose by 14,000 in finance, insurance and real estate industry. Despite this gain, employment in the industry is down 21,000 so far this year. Manufacturing employment fell by 53,000 in September, the largest of three consecutive losses. Over this period, the majority of the job losses have been in non-durable manufacturing. More than half of September's decline was in Quebec. There was also a decrease of 13,000 jobs in the mining, quarrying and oil wells industry. The drop in commodity prices may

explain the decreased activity in this industry and hence the decline in employment since the start of the year (-22,000).

Employment increase in Ontario

Employment in Ontario jumped by an estimated 62,000 in September, the first significant increase since April. This gain was concentrated in the services sector — especially in business and personal services. The job growth in September was accompanied by a strong increase in the labour force, and as a result the unemployment rate declined only 0.1 percentage points to 7.1%.

In Newfoundland, employment increased by 4,000 in September, partially offsetting the sizable loss of 12,000 between July and August. The unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points in September to 18.6%. Employment in New Brunswick rose by 3,000 for the second consecutive month following three months of little change. The jobless rate is now 11.6%, down 0.3 percentage points from August.

In Quebec, employment remained unchanged in September, following a gain of 49,000 over the previous two months. A slight decrease in the labour force caused the unemployment rate to edge down 0.3 percentage points to 10.2%.

In British Columbia, employment was little changed in September. However, since the beginning of the year, employment has grown by 2.1% (+38,000). After increasing by 14,000 in August, employment in Alberta changed little in September. An increase in labour force participation caused the unemployment rate to increase by 0.7 percentage points to 6.2%. The unemployment rate had been below 6% since April 1997. In the other provinces, the labour market situation was little changed in September.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3450-3471 and 3483-3502 and table 00799999.

Available at 7 a.m. on the Internet (www.statcan.ca) under "Latest news from Statistics Canada".

For a summary, *Labour force information, for the week ending September 19, 1998* (71-001-PPB, \$11/\$103) is available today. See *How to order publications*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on Friday, November 6, 1998.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Deborah Sunter (613-951-4740), Vincent Ferrao (613-951-4750), Household Surveys Division. □

Labour force characteristics for both sexes, aged 15 and over

	Aug. 1998	Sept. 1998	Aug. 1998 to Sept. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sept. 1998	Aug. 1998 to Sept. 1998
seasonally adjusted						
	labour force			participation rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	15,605.0	15,680.5	0.5	64.9	65.2	0.3
Newfoundland	234.8	239.0	1.8	52.8	53.8	1.0
Prince Edward Island	70.2	71.1	1.3	65.5	66.4	0.9
Nova Scotia	449.9	451.7	0.4	60.3	60.5	0.2
New Brunswick	364.7	366.9	0.6	60.2	60.6	0.4
Quebec	3,732.1	3,724.3	-0.2	62.5	62.3	-0.2
Ontario	6,003.5	6,068.0	1.1	65.7	66.3	0.6
Manitoba	582.3	582.8	0.1	67.5	67.5	0.0
Saskatchewan	511.3	508.2	-0.6	66.9	66.5	-0.4
Alberta	1,616.1	1,624.1	0.5	72.3	72.4	0.1
British Columbia	2,040.1	2,044.4	0.2	64.7	64.7	0.0
	employment			employment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	14,306.4	14,379.2	0.5	59.5	59.8	0.3
Newfoundland	190.4	194.6	2.2	42.8	43.8	1.0
Prince Edward Island	60.7	61.1	0.7	56.7	57.0	0.3
Nova Scotia	402.1	400.3	-0.4	53.9	53.6	-0.3
New Brunswick	321.2	324.3	1.0	53.0	53.5	0.5
Quebec	3,340.8	3,342.6	0.1	55.9	55.9	0.0
Ontario	5,572.5	5,634.6	1.1	61.0	61.6	0.6
Manitoba	549.6	547.3	-0.4	63.7	63.4	-0.3
Saskatchewan	478.0	476.4	-0.3	62.6	62.3	-0.3
Alberta	1,527.3	1,522.6	-0.3	68.3	67.9	-0.4
British Columbia	1,863.8	1,875.4	0.6	59.1	59.4	0.3
	unemployment			unemployment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	1,298.7	1,301.2	0.2	8.3	8.3	0.0
Newfoundland	44.4	44.4	0.0	18.9	18.6	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	9.4	10.0	6.4	13.4	14.1	0.7
Nova Scotia	47.8	51.3	7.3	10.6	11.4	0.8
New Brunswick	43.5	42.6	-2.1	11.9	11.6	-0.3
Quebec	391.4	381.7	-2.5	10.5	10.2	-0.3
Ontario	431.0	433.4	0.6	7.2	7.1	-0.1
Manitoba	32.8	35.6	8.5	5.6	6.1	0.5
Saskatchewan	33.3	31.7	-4.8	6.5	6.2	-0.3
Alberta	88.8	101.5	14.3	5.5	6.2	0.7
British Columbia	176.4	169.0	-4.2	8.6	8.3	-0.3

Note: Provincial estimates may differ from the national totals due to independent seasonal adjustment.

Labour force characteristics for both sexes, aged 15 and over

	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1998	Sept. 1997 to Sept. 1998	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1998	Sept. 1997 to Sept. 1998
unadjusted						
	labour force			participation rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	15,432.7	15,705.3	1.8	65.0	65.3	0.3
Newfoundland	241.7	246.1	1.8	53.8	55.4	1.6
Prince Edward Island	72.1	72.4	0.4	67.1	67.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	447.8	452.5	1.0	60.3	60.6	0.3
New Brunswick	369.4	375.5	1.7	61.2	62.0	0.8
Quebec	3,694.5	3,742.6	1.3	62.2	62.6	0.4
Ontario	5,922.3	6,045.8	2.1	65.7	66.1	0.4
Manitoba	578.2	584.5	1.1	67.1	67.7	0.6
Saskatchewan	508.5	509.0	0.1	66.8	66.6	-0.2
Alberta	1,561.3	1,625.4	4.1	71.9	72.5	0.6
British Columbia	2,036.8	2,051.5	0.7	65.4	65.0	-0.4
	employment			employment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	14,174.2	14,520.3	2.4	59.7	60.4	0.7
Newfoundland	204.5	205.8	0.6	45.5	46.3	0.8
Prince Edward Island	64.7	64.7	0.0	60.2	60.4	0.2
Nova Scotia	402.6	408.0	1.3	54.2	54.7	0.5
New Brunswick	332.2	339.0	2.0	55.1	55.9	0.8
Quebec	3,305.3	3,384.0	2.4	55.7	56.6	0.9
Ontario	5,481.2	5,650.6	3.1	60.8	61.8	1.0
Manitoba	545.5	552.9	1.4	63.3	64.0	0.7
Saskatchewan	483.1	482.8	-0.1	63.4	63.2	-0.2
Alberta	1,484.4	1,532.0	3.2	68.4	68.3	-0.1
British Columbia	1,870.8	1,900.6	1.6	60.1	60.2	0.1
	unemployment			unemployment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change
Canada	1,258.5	1,185.0	-5.8	8.2	7.5	-0.7
Newfoundland	37.3	40.3	8.0	15.4	16.4	1.0
Prince Edward Island	7.4	7.7	4.1	10.3	10.6	0.3
Nova Scotia	45.2	44.5	-1.5	10.1	9.8	-0.3
New Brunswick	37.2	36.5	-1.9	10.1	9.7	-0.4
Quebec	389.2	358.6	-7.9	10.5	9.6	-0.9
Ontario	441.1	395.2	-10.4	7.4	6.5	-0.9
Manitoba	32.7	31.6	-3.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3
Saskatchewan	25.4	26.2	3.1	5.0	5.1	0.1
Alberta	76.8	93.4	21.6	4.9	5.7	0.8
British Columbia	166.0	150.9	-9.1	8.2	7.4	-0.8

OTHER RELEASES

Railway carloadings

August 1998

Carload freight (excluding intermodal traffic) loaded by railways in Canada totalled 19.4 million tonnes in August, down 8.7% from August 1997. The carriers received an additional 1.8 million tonnes from United States connections during August.

Intermodal (piggyback) traffic was down 2.4% to 1.4 million tonnes compared with the same month last year. The year-to-date figures show a decrease of 2.5%.

Total traffic, consisting of carload freight and intermodal traffic, decreased 8.3% during the reference month bringing the year-to-date total to 170.4 million tonnes, down 2.0% from 1997. Receipts from United States connections increased 4.8% during the same period.

Cumulative data for 1997 and 1998 have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The August 1998 issue of *Railway carloadings* (52-001-XPB, \$11/\$103) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Steel primary forms

August 1998

Steel primary forms production for August totalled 1 356 658 metric tonnes, an increase of 0.4% from 1 350 772 tonnes produced in August 1997.

Year-to-date production reached 10 919 123 tonnes, up 6.8% from 10 220 136 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The August 1998 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-7093;

milsomg@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Steel wire and specified wire products

August 1998

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 66 797 tonnes in August, up 2.2% from 65 366 tonnes in August 1997. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The August 1998 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Etienne Saint-Pierre (613-951-9837; saineti@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Oils and fats

August 1998

Production of all types of deodorized oils in August totalled 95 811 tonnes, an increase of 5.0% from 91 292 tonnes in July 1998. Year-to-date production to the end of August totalled 805 098 tonnes, a 0.4% increase from 801 932 tonnes a year earlier.

The domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 11 209 tonnes, deodorized shortening oil totalled 27 311 tonnes, and deodorized salad oil totalled 30 331 tonnes in August 1998.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 185.

The August 1998 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511; zylspet@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Egg production

August 1998 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for August 1998 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production of eggs* (23-003-XPB, \$110), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Sandy Giefeldt (613-951-2505), Livestock and Animal Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

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