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Public sector employment Second quarter 1999 (preliminary)

Just over 2.8 million people on average were employed in the public sector during the second quarter of 1999, down 0.5%, or 15,000 workers, from the same quarter in 1998.

Most of this decline, about 11,300 employees, occurred among federal, provincial/territorial and local governments. On a year-over-year basis, this work force fell 0.4% to 2.6 million. The remainder of the decline, about 3,700 jobs, occurred in government business enterprises. Overall, these employed 254,400 employees on average during the second quarter of 1999, down 1.4% from the same quarter last year.

More than 60% of the decline in government was attributable to provincial/territorial government employment. This work force fell to 1.3 million in the second quarter of 1999, down 6,900, or 0.5% less than the corresponding quarter in 1998. Employment in health and social services as well as in colleges and universities in Quebec was largely responsible for the decline.

Local governments employed about 923,000 people in the second quarter of 1999, down 4,100 employees (-0.4%) from the second quarter of 1998. Municipal governments in Ontario and school boards in Quebec were the main factors behind the decline.

Federal government employment remained basically unchanged. In the second quarter of 1999, federal government employment edged down 0.1%

to 333,400. Among the provinces, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Newfoundland reported the largest declines in federal employees, mostly due to continued declines in the military.

Employment in government business enterprises fell 1.4% from the second quarter of 1998 to 254,400, a drop of 3,700 workers. Work force declines in federal and provincial/territorial enterprises more than offset an increase in local business enterprises employment. Most of the decline came in Ontario after the privatization of some of Ontario Hydro's activities.

Note: On April 1, 1999, the new territory of Nunavut officially came into being. As a result, the Northwest Territories were divided into two parts. Data for the two territories are reported separately.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2720, 2860, 2863, 2864 and 2866.

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Public sector employment
Second quarter 1999 (preliminary)

	Federal government	Provincial and territorial government	Local government	Total government	Government business enterprises	Total public sector	Second quarter 1998 to second quarter 1999
							% change
Canada	333,400	1,311,000	923,000	2,567,400	254,400	2,821,800	-0.5
Newfoundland	7,200	30,400	13,500	51,100	3,900	55,000	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	3,200	8,400	3,000	14,600	500	15,100	-5.8
Nova Scotia	23,500	49,500	25,800	98,700	7,200	105,900	-0.3
New Brunswick	13,100	54,100	6,100	73,400	6,800	80,100	0.5
Quebec	67,300	389,400	216,500	673,200	64,800	738,000	-1.7
Ontario	131,200	357,600	366,600	855,500	95,300	950,800	-0.9
Manitoba	15,600	63,700	42,600	121,900	13,000	134,900	3.4
Saskatchewan	9,000	55,200	36,100	100,300	13,000	113,300	0.2
Alberta	24,400	126,100	94,600	245,100	15,700	260,800	0.9
British Columbia	34,100	165,900	114,800	314,800	33,700	348,500	0.1
Yukon Territory	900	3,600	400	5,000	x	5,000 ¹	-1.4
Northwest Territories	1,000	4,500	1,500	7,000	x	7,000 ¹	-34.7
Nunavut	100	2,600	1,200	3,900	x	3,900 ¹	0.0
Outside of Canada	3,000	0	0	3,000	x	3,000	1.4

^x Confidential data

¹ Excluding government public enterprises

Note: Federal government includes military. Provincial and territorial government includes provincial and territorial general government, universities and colleges and health and social services institutions. Local government includes local general government and school boards. The Canada total may differ from the sum of provinces/territories due to rounding of numbers.

Natural gas sales
July 1999 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 3 535 million cubic metres in July, up 2.2% from July 1998. All three sectors (residential, commercial and industrial) recorded higher sales. Sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) advanced due to higher demand for gas by the chemical industry.

Year-to-date sales to the end of July were up 5.6% over the same period in 1998. Sales to the residential (+3.8%) and commercial (+9.8%) sectors increased largely due to the unseasonably cold weather in the first half of 1999. Sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) continued to maintain strong growth, posting a 5.2% increase over the same period last year.

Natural gas sales

	July 1999 ^P	July 1998	July 1998 to July 1999
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas sales	3 535 409	3 460 545	2.2
Residential	398 991	386 834	3.1
Commercial	288 826	272 460	6.0
Industrial	1 411 873	1 603 710	1.7
Direct	1 435 719	1 197 541	
	Year-to-date		
	1999 ^P	1998	1998 to 1999
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas sales	40 642 494	38 493 169	5.6
Residential	9 359 010	9 020 192	3.8
Commercial	6 573 242	5 987 365	9.8
Industrial	11 979 014	12 731 228	5.2
Direct	12 731 228	10 779 280	

^P Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1052-1055.

The July 1999 issue of *Gas utilities* (55-002-XPB, \$17/\$165) will be available in October. See *How to order publications*.

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Electric lamps

August 1999

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 23.4 million light bulbs and tubes in August, an increase of 4.9% from the 22.3 million sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales at the end of August totalled 172 million light bulbs and tubes, a decrease of 5.6% from the 182.2 million sold over the same period in 1998.

The August 1999 issue of *Electric lamps* (43-009-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

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Stocks of frozen poultry meat

September 1, 1999 (preliminary)

Data for stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on September 1, 1999 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

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Catalogue number 43-009-XIB
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