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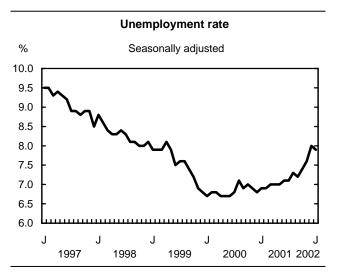
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January 2002

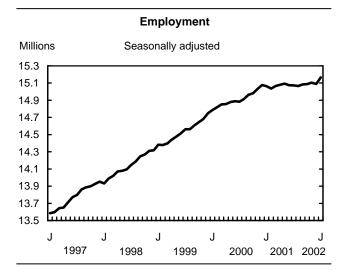
Spurred by a large gain in part-time jobs, employment rose by an estimated 76,000 in January, the first major increase in more than a year. The unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage points to 7.9%.



Despite the large increase in employment, year-over-year gains stood at only 0.7% (+103,000). During 2001, job gains did not keep pace with population growth — the percentage of the population with work was 61.2% in January, well below the 61.6% posted in January 2001. Similarly, the unemployment rate was a full percentage point higher than in January 2001.

Part-time gains account for most of the increase

Continuing the upward trend in recent months, part-time employment rose 46,000 (+1.7%) in January; gains were split equally between youths and adult men (those 25 and older). At 18.5%, the proportion of employed people who were working part-time was the highest since mid-1999. Full-time work also rose in January, but the increase (+30,000) was lower than the jump in part-time.



Adult women and youths find work

Employment among adult women rose 46,000 in January, all in full-time. This caused their unemployment rate to fall 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%.

With little change in employment, the unemployment rate for adult men stayed at 7.3%, 1.2 percentage points higher than that of women and the largest gap between the two rates since 1992. Since January 2001, employment has risen 1.6% for adult women, but only 0.2% for adult men.

After dropping during 2001, youth employment rose 36,000 in January, mostly due to added work in the restaurant sector. As a result of these gains, the youth unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points from December to 13.8%, which was still 1.7 percentage points higher than in January 2001.

Manufacturing up for the first time in months

For only the third time in 13 months, factory employment rose in January. Despite rising 25,000, manufacturing employment was down 70,000 (-3.0%) from January 2001. While computer and electronic product and transportation equipment manufacturing continued to decline in January, paper production and printing gained.

Employment in educational services also rose in January. The increase of 25,000 from December was the largest in two years, but education employment remains below its December 1999 peak.

Construction employment continued its upward momentum, rising 20,000 from December, consistent

with recent strength in housing starts. Since January 2001, construction employment has risen 42,000 (+5.1%).

Employment in accommodation and food was up 19,000 in January from December, due entirely to added employment in restaurants and drinking places. Since the summer of 2001, employment has been falling in hotels, motels and other accommodation facilities. However, restaurant employment has risen, resulting in year-over-year gains of 42,000 (+4.3%) in the combined accommodation and food sector.

Transportation and warehousing employment fell 13,000 from December, mainly due to employment losses in air transportation. Employment in transportation and warehousing was down 7.1% from January 2001, led by a sharp decline in trucking.

Farm employment continued to slide in January, dropping another 7,000. Over the last three years, agricultural employment has been on a steep downward trend, falling 39,000 (-11.2%) since January 2001 alone.

Gains in Quebec and British Columbia

Quebec's employment rebounded 27,000 in January, led by gains in manufacturing, after falling 10,000 in December. As a result, the unemployment rate dropped 0.6 percentage points to 9.1%. With January's gain, employment in Quebec is up 1.6% from January 2001, mostly due to strength in the Montréal labour market.

In British Columbia, employment was up 27,000, pushing the unemployment rate down 0.8 percentage points from December to 8.9%. While the large gain in employment offset some of the recent declines, employment in the province remained 31,000, or 1.6%, below its March 2001 peak. About one-third of January's gain was the result of added employment in construction.

Eemployment changed little in Ontario, but higher labour force participation left the unemployment rate at 7.4%, up 0.5 percentage points from December and the highest since March 1998. With fewer manufacturing

jobs, employment has been flat in Ontario for a little over a year. Compared with January 2001, employment in the province is up only 8,000 (+0.1%).

In Alberta, employment increased 11,000 from December, bringing year-over-year gains to 35,000 (+2.1%). Much of January's advance was in manufacturing, offsetting recent losses in this industry. The unemployment rate in Alberta fell 0.4 percentage points from December to 4.7%.

Employment in Saskatchewan rose 4,000 in January, but was still 12,000, (-2.6%), lower than in January 2001. Over the last year, falling farm employment has been the main reason for the decline. In January, the unemployment rate was 6.0%, down 0.2 percentage points from December.

Employment edged up (+3,000) in New Brunswick, nudging down the unemployment rate 0.1 percentage point to 11.3%. After falling in the first half of 2001, employment has since been on an upward trend — in January it was 9,000 higher than in July 2001.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces.

Available on CANSIM: tables 279-0001 to 279-0023.

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A more detailed summary, *Labour force information*, for the week ending January 19 (71-001-PIB, \$8/\$78; 71-001-PPB, \$11/\$103) is available today. See *How to order products*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on Friday, March 8.

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	December 2001	January 2002	December 2001 to January 2002	December 2001	January 2002	December 2001 to January 2002
			Seasonally ad	ljusted		2002
	L	abour force		Par	ticipation rate	
	'000		% change	%		Change
Canada	16,409.0	16,471.1	0.4	66.3	66.4	0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	258.1	257.0	-0.4	58.8	58.5	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	75.8	75.3	-0.7	68.2	67.7	-0.5
Nova Scotia	475.4	472.1	-0.7	63.1	62.6	-0.5
New Brunswick	380.2	383.7	0.9	62.7	63.2	0.5
Quebec Ontario	3,862.1 6,415.3	3,866.7 6,452.9	0.1 0.6	64.3 67.3	64.3 67.6	0.0 0.3
Manitoba	593.0	596.5	0.6	68.7	69.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	497.1	500.3	0.6	65.4	65.8	0.4
Alberta	1,732.7	1,737.7	0.3	72.5	72.5	0.0
British Columbia	2,119.4	2,128.9	0.4	64.2	64.4	0.2
	Employment			Employment rate		
	'000		% change	%		Change
Canada	15,090.2	15,166.1	0.5	60.9	61.2	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	214.2	212.3	-0.9	48.8	48.3	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	66.3	65.7	-0.9	59.6	59.1	-0.5
Iova Scotia	427.5	426.2	-0.3	56.8	56.6	-0.2
lew Brunswick	337.0	340.2	0.9	55.6	56.1	0.
Quebec	3,486.4	3,513.0	0.8	58.1	58.4	0.3
Ontario	5,970.1	5,977.0	0.1	62.6	62.6	0.0
Manitoba	565.5	566.1	0.1	65.5	65.6	0.1
Saskatchewan	466.2	470.4	0.9	61.3	61.9	0.0
Alberta British Columbia	1,644.1 1,913.0	1,655.3 1,940.0	0.7 1.4	68.8 58.0	69.1 58.7	0.3 0.7
	Unemployment			Unemployment rate		
	'000		% change	%		Change
Canada	1,318.8	1,304.9	-1.1	8.0	7.9	-0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	43.9	44.7	1.8	17.0	17.4	0.4
Prince Edward Island	9.5	9.6	1.1	12.5	12.7	0.2
lova Scotia	47.9	45.9	-4.2	10.1	9.7	-0.4
lew Brunswick Quebec	43.3 375.7	43.5 353.7	0.5 -5.9	11.4 9.7	11.3 9.1	-0. <i>°</i> -0.6
guebec Ontario	375.7 445.2	353.7 475.8	-5.9 6.9	9.7 6.9	9.1 7.4	-0.0
Manitoba	445.2 27.5	30.4	10.5	6.9 4.6	7.4 5.1	0.:
Saskatchewan	30.9	29.9	-3.2	6.2	6.0	-0.:
Alberta	88.7	82.4	-3.2 -7.1	5.1	4.7	-0.4
British Columbia	206.4	188.9	-8.5	9.7	8.9	-0.

	January 2001	January 2002	January 2001 to	January 2001	January 2002	January 2001 to	
			January			January	
			2002 Unadjusted			2002	
	La	bour force		Pari	icipation rate		
	'000		% change	%		Change	
Canada	15,868.1	16,197.3	2.1	64.9	65.3	0.4	
Newfoundland and Labrador	231.3	242.2	4.7	52.6	55.1	2.5	
Prince Edward Island	70.3	72.6	3.3	63.9	65.3	1.4	
Nova Scotia	449.5	460.1	2.4	59.9	61.1	1.2	
New Brunswick	362.7	368.6	1.6	60.0	60.7	0.7	
Quebec	3,705.0	3,796.7	2.5	62.1	63.2	1.1	
Ontario	6,227.3	6,361.1	2.1	66.4	66.6	0.2	
Manitoba	574.5	586.9	2.2	66.7	68.0	1.3	
Saskatchewan	500.8	490.8	-2.0	65.6	64.5	-1.1	
Alberta	1,682.1	1,716.8	2.1	71.8	71.6	-0.2	
British Columbia	2,064.5	2,101.6	1.8	63.4	63.6	0.2	
	E	Employment			Employment rate		
	'000		% change	%		Change	
Canada	14,680.1	14,796.7	0.8	60.0	59.7	-0.3	
Newfoundland and Labrador	190.9	195.5	2.4	43.4	44.5	1.1	
Prince Edward Island	59.1	59.7	1.0	53.7	53.7	0.0	
Nova Scotia	400.8	410.0	2.3	53.4	54.4	1.0	
New Brunswick	320.9	321.4	0.2	53.1	53.0	-0.1	
Quebec	3,349.8	3,407.5	1.7	56.2	56.7	0.5	
Ontario	5,851.5	5,863.3	0.2	62.4	61.4	-1.0	
Manitoba	545.1	553.7	1.6	63.3	64.1	0.8	
Saskatchewan	470.0	458.7	-2.4	61.6	60.3	-1.3	
Alberta	1,591.2	1,627.3	2.3	67.9	67.9	0.0	
British Columbia	1,900.6	1,899.6	-0.1	58.3	57.5	-0.8	
	Un	Unemployment rate					
	'000		% change	%		Change	
Canada	1,188.0	1,400.6	17.9	7.5	8.6	1.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.4	46.7	15.6	17.5	19.3	1.8	
Prince Edward Island	11.1	12.9	16.2	15.8	17.8	2.0	
Nova Scotia	48.7	50.2	3.1	10.8	10.9	0.1	
New Brunswick	41.8	47.2	12.9	11.5	12.8	1.3	
Quebec	355.2	389.2	9.6	9.6	10.3	0.7	
Ontario	375.8	497.8	32.5	6.0	7.8	1.8	
Manitoba	29.4	33.1	12.6	5.1	5.6	0.5	
Saskatchewan	30.9	32.1	3.9	6.2	6.5	0.3	
Alberta British Columbia	91.0 163.9	89.5 201.9	-1.6 23.2	5.4 7.9	5.2	-0.2	
				/ U	9.6	1.7	

Employment by industry (based on NAICS) and class of worker for both sexes, aged 15 and over

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	December	January	December	January	December	January
	2001	2002	2001	2001	2001	2001
			to	to	to	to
			January	January	January	January
			2002	2002	2002	2002
			Seasonally adju	ısted		
_		'000			% change	e
All industries	15,090.2	15,166.1	75.9	103.1	0.5	0.7
Goods-producing sector	3,791.4	3,833.4	42.0	-57.6	1.1	-1.5
Agriculture	312.7	306.1	-6.6	-38.6	-2.1	-11.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	290.9	287.8	-3.1	3.5	-1.1	1.2
Jtilities	121.7	128.8	7.1	5.6	5.8	4.5
Construction	848.6	868.7	20.1	41.8	2.4	5.1
Manufacturing	2,217.4	2,242.0	24.6	-69.9	1.1	-3.0
Services-producing sector	11,298.8	11,332.7	33.9	160.7	0.3	1.4
Trade	2,432.5	2,415.5	-17.0	42.2	-0.7	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	745.7	732.7	-13.0	-55.6	-1.7	-7.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	872.8	875.7	2.9	7.1	0.3	3.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	969.7	973.4	3.7	-20.6	0.4	-2.1
Management, administrative and other support	569.0	571.3	2.3	39.5	0.4	7.4
Educational services	970.7	995.6	24.9	36.1	2.6	3.8
Health care and social assistance	1,564.8	1,572.8	8.0	28.6	0.5	1.9
nformation, culture and recreation	696.8	707.3	10.5	4.6	1.5	0.7
Accommodation and food services	991.2	1,010.4	19.2	42.0	1.9	4.3
Other services	698.2	693.6	-4.6	10.5	-0.7	1.5
Public administration	787.5	784.5	-3.0	26.6	-0.4	3.5
Class of worker						
Public sector employees	2,833.8	2,862.7	28.9	17.8	1.0	0.6
Private sector	12,256.4	12,303.5	47.1	85.5	0.4	0.7
Private employees	9,974.8	10,020.7	45.9	118.0	0.5	1.2
Self-employed	2,281.6	2,282.8	1.2	-32.5	0.1	-1.4

Employment by type of work, age and sex

	January 2002	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002	January 2002	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002	January 2002	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002
				Seas	onally adjuste	ed			
		Both sexes			Men			Women	
					'000				
Employment Full-time Part-time	15,166.1 12,367.3 2,798.9	75.9 30.1 45.9	103.1 32.1 71.1	8,115.0 7,234.2 880.8	25.8 -10.9 36.7	3.9 -41.0 44.9	7,051.1 5,133.1 1,918.0	50.1 41.0 9.1	99.2 73.1 26.2
15–24 25+ 25–54 55+	2,335.9 12,830.2 11,142.2 1,688.0	35.6 40.3 15.0 25.3	-1.9 105.0 -26.7 131.7	1,196.3 6,918.7 5,917.5 1,001.2	31.1 -5.4 -19.2 13.9	-7.6 11.4 -68.3 79.8	1,139.7 5,911.5 5,224.7 686.8	4.6 45.6 34.2 11.4	5.8 93.5 41.6 51.9

OTHER RELEASES

Aircraft movement statistics

December 2001 and 2001 annual (preliminary)

In December, 317,321 take-offs and landings were recorded at the 43 Canadian airports with Nav Canada air traffic control towers, up 3.1% from December 2000.

Preliminary annual figures show 5,006,896 take-offs and landings in 2001 at the 43 airports with control towers, down 1.0% compared with 5,059,109 in 2000.

The December and annual 2001 preliminary monthly report available Transport is on Canada's Web site URL: at (http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/report/TP1496/tp1496.htm). For more information on this Web site, contact Michel Villeneuve (613-990-3825; villenm@tc.gc.ca) or Sheila Rajani (613-993-9822; rajanis@tc.gc.ca).

Statistics for the 55 Canadian airports with Nav Canada flight service stations are also available for December.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141; fax: 613-951-0010; aviationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins December 2001

Chemical firms produced 276 986 metric tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in December, a 19.1% increase from 232 647 tonnes in December 2000 (revised numbers).

Year-to-date production to the end of December totalled 2 986 122 tonnes, up 8.5% from 2 751 339 tonnes (revised) in the same period of 2000.

Data are also available on production of 3 other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0014.

The December 2001 issue of *Industrial chemicals* and synthetic resins, Vol. 44, no. 12 (46-002-XIB, \$5/47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Josée

Perreault (613-951-9836; *josee.perreault@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Monthly railway carloadings

December 2001

The freight loaded by railways in December totalled 21.1 million metric tonnes (excluding intermodal traffic), down 1.9% from December 2000. Intermodal tonnage, made up of containers on flatcars and trailers on flatcars, was 1.7 million tonnes, down 1.9% from December 2000.

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Oils and fats

December 2001

Production of all types of deodorized oils totalled 73 019 metric tonnes in December, down 19.7% from 90 919 tonnes in November.

Domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 9 888 tonnes; of deodorized shortening oil, 24 254 tonnes; and of deodorized salad oil, 31 721 tonnes in December.

Note: This is the last issue of the publication. The survey has been discontinued as of January.

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Interim list of changes to municipal boundaries, status and name

January 2, 1996 to January 1, 2001

The report, Interim list of changes to municipal boundaries, status and name summarizes the changes to municipal boundaries, status and names that

occurred from January 2, 1996 to January 1, 2001. These changes have been processed by the Geography Division, and are based on information received from the provinces and territories.

Interim list of changes to municipal boundaries, status and name (92F0009XPB, \$25), released annually, is now available. See *How to order products*.

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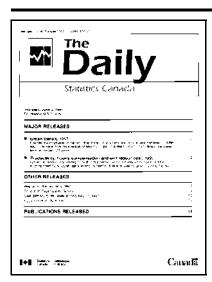
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12	New Housing Price Index	December 2001
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