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Help-wanted Index

February 2002

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) stood at 124 in February, nearly unchanged (-0.8%) for the second straight month. This follows eight consecutive months of declines.

Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia saw no change; an increase in Newfoundland and Labrador was offset by small declines in the other provinces.

Compared with February 2001, the national index was down 26.6%.

Help-wanted Index

(1996=100)

	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Jan. to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001 to Feb. 2002
	Seasonally adjusted and smoothed			% change	
Canada	169	125	124	-0.8	-26.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	203	178	180	1.1	-11.3
Prince Edward Island	246	183	178	-2.7	-27.6
Nova Scotia	162	132	132	0.0	-18.5
New Brunswick	180	154	150	-2.6	-16.7
Quebec	162	119	119	0.0	-26.5
Ontario	188	130	130	0.0	-30.9
Manitoba	175	155	152	-1.9	-13.1
Saskatchewan	140	140	135	-3.6	-3.6
Alberta	176	142	138	-2.8	-21.6
British Columbia	136	96	95	-1.0	-30.1

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Note: The help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas, and is considered an indicator of labour demand, measuring companies' intentions to hire new workers. These indices have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

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Steel primary forms

Week ending March 2, 2002 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending March 2 totalled 319 935 metric tonnes, up 1.0% from 316 796 tonnes a week earlier and up 8.1% from 295 969 tonnes in the same week of 2001. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 2 706 240 tonnes, up 12.6% from 2 403 059 in the same period of 2001.

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Cement

January 2002

Manufacturers shipped 549 280 metric tonnes of cement in January, down 31.4% from 800 306 tonnes in December and down 7.5% from 593 730 (revised) tonnes in January 2001.

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The January 2002 issue of *Cement*, Vol. 54, no. 1 (44-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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February 23, 2002
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Labour force information, week ending
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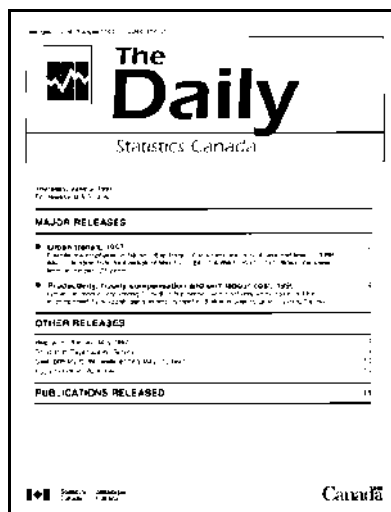
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