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Help-wanted Index

April 2002

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) remained almost unchanged at 126.6 in April, up only 0.2% from March. This is the third consecutive small month-to-month increase following fifteen months of declines.

Monthly fluctuations were small in all provinces, rising or falling by no more than 0.5%.

The national index was down 21.4% from April 2001.

Note: The historical revision of the Help-wanted Index has been implemented this month. This revision includes the period from January 1999 to date. The Index is now being produced to one decimal place detail, allowing users to more closely follow the movements in the series.

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.

Help-wanted Index (1996=100)

	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	March to April 2002	April 2001 to April 2002
	Seasonally adjusted and smoothed			% Change	
Canada	161.1	126.3	126.6	0.2	-21.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	194.8	183.5	183.7	0.1	-5.7
Prince Edward Island	234.4	194.0	193.9	-0.1	-17.3
Nova Scotia	159.7	132.4	132.2	-0.2	-17.2
New Brunswick	168.9	159.0	159.4	0.3	-5.6
Quebec	151.4	120.3	120.4	0.1	-20.5
Ontario	173.4	133.8	134.3	0.4	-22.5
Manitoba	166.6	150.8	150.5	-0.2	-9.7
Saskatchewan	144.0	130.9	130.3	-0.5	-9.5
Alberta	181.4	137.1	136.9	-0.1	-24.5
British Columbia	127.0	94.8	94.7	-0.1	-25.4

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