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Help-wanted Index

February 2003

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) was almost unchanged in February (-0.2%) at 111.4.

The largest declines were in Quebec (-2.8%), Manitoba (-1.5%) and Prince Edward Island (-1.1%). Increases were recorded in New Brunswick (+2.4%) and Alberta (+0.9%). The index changed little in Ontario (-0.1%).

Help-wanted Index (1996=100)

	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2002	Jan. to Feb. 2003	Feb. to Feb. 2003
	Seasonally adjusted and smoothed			% change	
Canada	111.4	111.6	125.9	-0.2	-11.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	145.7	146.6	183.5	-0.6	-20.6
Prince Edward Island	174.5	176.5	194.3	-1.1	-10.2
Nova Scotia	125.6	126.6	132.8	-0.8	-5.4
New Brunswick	157.3	153.6	158.3	2.4	-0.6
Quebec	105.3	108.3	120.2	-2.8	-12.4
Ontario	119.7	119.8	133.1	-0.1	-10.1
Manitoba	135.8	137.9	151.5	-1.5	-10.4
Saskatchewan	118.8	119.9	132.0	-0.9	-10.0
Alberta	123.5	122.4	137.9	0.9	-10.4
British Columbia	85.1	85.5	95.2	-0.5	-10.6

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

Available on CANSIM: table 277-0002.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2606.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; labour@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts,

methods or data quality of this release, contact Gilles Groleau (613-951-4091) or Jamie Brunet (613-951-6684), Labour Statistics Division. ■

Estimates of the number of census families July 1, 1998 to 2002

Estimates of the number of census families on July 1, 2002, as well as revised estimates for July 1, 1998 to 2001 for Canada, the provinces and the territories, are now available.

Except for the territories, estimates are distributed by structure of family (husband-wife or lone-parent), size, age group of children, age of husband and wife for husband-wife families and age and sex of parent in lone-parent families

Note: These estimates are based on the 1996 Census counts adjusted for net undercoverage and do not take into account the population counts determined by the 2001 Census, which were released on March 12, 2002.

The 2001 Census coverage studies will be completed in 2003. Their results will be used to adjust the 2001 Census counts and to update the family estimates. These new estimates will be released in January 2004.

Available on CANSIM: table 051-0003.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 3606.

These estimates will appear in *Annual demographic statistics*, 2002 (91-213-XIB, \$56; 91-213-XPB, \$125), which will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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