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#### **Help-wanted Index**

March 2003

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) rose in March to 112.7, up 1.2% from February and the first rise in seven months.

The index increased in four provinces: Prince Edward Island (+0.9%), Quebec (+0.6%), Alberta (+0.6%) and Ontario (+0.3%).

#### **Help-wanted Index**

(1996=100)

	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	2003	2003	2002	to	2002
				Mar.	to
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					2003
	Seasona	lly adjuste	d and		
	smoothed			% change	
Canada	112.7	111.4	126.3	1.2	-10.8
Newfoundland and					
Labrador	145.6	145.7	183.5	-0.1	-20.7
Prince Edward Island	176.0	174.5	194.0	0.9	-9.3
Nova Scotia	124.5	125.6	132.4	-0.9	-6.0
New Brunswick	156.9	157.3	159.0	-0.3	-1.3
Quebec	105.9	105.3	120.3	0.6	-12.0
Ontario	120.0	119.7	133.8	0.3	-10.3
Manitoba	134.0	135.8	150.8	-1.3	-11.1
Saskatchewan	117.0	118.8	130.9	-1.5	-10.6
Alberta	124.3	123.5	137.1	0.6	-9.3
British Columbia	82.9	85.1	94.8	-2.6	-12.6
2	32.0	50.1	5 1.0	0	12.0

**Note:** The Help-wanted Index will be terminated with the publication of the April 2003 reference month on May 6, 2003. Previously published data will continue to be available for historical purposes, but there will be no further updates and revisions.

Statistics Canada strives to maintain a relevant and cost-effective labour statistics program. In setting program priorities in a time of cost reduction, programs and outputs have been evaluated on the basis of a balanced assessment of their quality and utility in consultation with the user community.

The Help-wanted Index was long viewed by users as a proxy measure for unmet labour demand and an indicator of the near-term direction of the labour market. However, many users have expressed concern over its performance in recent years, especially in light of the growing use of the Internet by employers as a means of posting job openings.

For more information, contact Jamie Brunet (613-951-6684; brunjam@statcan.ca), Labour Statistics Division.

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), Labour Statistics Division.

#### Coal and coke statistics

January 2003

Data on coal and coke are now available for January.

Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0016 and 303-0017.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

#### Aircraft movement statistics

2002 (preliminary)

In 2002, the 43 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers reported 4.73 million aircraft movements, down 5.1% from 4.98 million in 2001. Total aircraft movements have shown a declining trend since the last peak in 1999 (5.32 million).

The decrease in movements in 2002 was reflected in both itinerant and local movements. Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) were down by 162,275 movements (-4.9%), the third consecutive annual decrease. Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) were down 94,248 movements (-5.6%) following a slight increase in 2001.

The ten airports handling the most itinerant movements in 2002 all recorded decreases compared with 2001. The declines ranged from 2.0% at Montréal/Dorval to 7.9% at Québec/Jean Lesage International.

The ten airports handling the most local movements recorded more variation in the year-over-year

comparisons. Abbotsford recorded a 20.6% increase in local movements compared with 2001, but eight airports showed decreases in local movements ranging from 6.6% at Montréal/St-Hubert to 18.9% at Winnipeg/St. Andrews.

The 2002 issue of Aircraft movement statistics—annual (51F0010PIE, TP1496, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the Our products and services page, under Browse our Internet publications, choose Free, then Transport and warehousing. Previous issues are available on Transport Canada's website (http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/Report/TP1496/tp1496.htm).

Preliminary statistics for the 56 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA flight service stations are also available for 2002.

## Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2715.

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.

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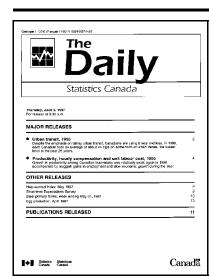
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