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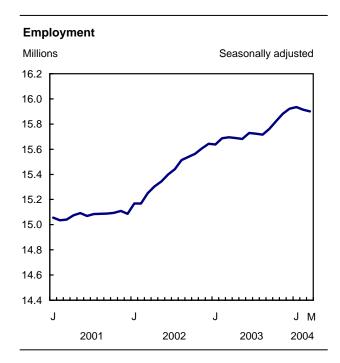
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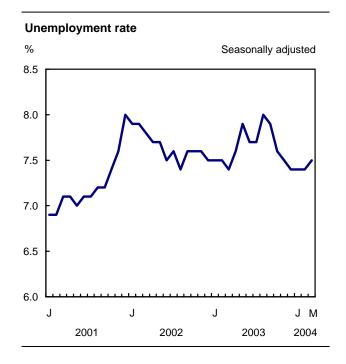
## Continued weakness in youth employment

While youth employment was little changed in March, it is down 36,000 so far in 2004, with most of the decline occurring in February. Youth employment had shown signs of improvement towards the end of 2003, however, it has weakened since then and is now 1.6% below the level observed a year ago.

For adult women, employment declined by 18,000 in March, all in part-time jobs (-28,000). Despite this decrease, the trend is up with growth of 1.8% (+113,000) since last August when employment

regained momentum. Employment gains among adult women over this period have been in full-time jobs.

In March, the number of adult men with jobs increased slightly (+11,000). Since last August, gains for adult men total 81,000 (+1.1%), with increases in full- and part-time jobs. Over this period, the pace of employment growth has been slower for adult men than for adult women.



#### **Industry** employment

Employment decreased by 20,000 in business, building and other support services, bringing declines since the start of 2004 to 28,000 (-4.4%). This recent decline follows gains totalling 43,000 (+7.2%) in the last four months of 2003. Losses in March were mainly in employment and travel services.

Employment fell by 19,000 in educational services, mostly in elementary and secondary schools. The decline was spread across several provinces. The decrease in March offset the gain in February, leaving employment in the sector little changed from a year ago.

There were also job losses in the information, culture and recreation sector (-14,000) in March, with the decline mainly in the amusement, gambling and recreation industry. Despite this decrease, employment

in the information, culture and recreation sector is up 31,000 from March 2003.

Employment rose by 15,000 in the finance, insurance, real estate and leasing industry. This brings gains since June 2003, when employment growth in the sector began to accelerate, to 41,000 (+4.4%).

In March, employment in manufacturing was little changed for the fourth consecutive month, leaving losses since November 2002 (when the downward trend started) at 76,000 (-3.2%).

#### Job losses in Ontario

Employment in Ontario fell by 25,000 in March, mostly in business, building and other support services. The decline in this sector was mainly in employment services. There were also job losses in the information, culture and recreation sector, mostly in the amusement, gambling and recreation industry. Employment in manufacturing increased by 13,000 in March with gains of 25,000 (+2.3%) since last October. Despite overall employment losses in March, gains total 66,000 (+1.1%) since last August when job growth in the province regained momentum. In March, the unemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 7.1%.

Employment rose by 4,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador with the largest gains in retail sales and construction. Despite fluctuations in recent months, employment has trended up 2.2% over the last year. In March, the unemployment rate fell 1.0 percentage points to 15.5%.

In Quebec, employment was little changed for the third consecutive month. In March, employment gains in professional, scientific and technical services and slight increases in manufacturing and in health care and social assistance jobs were offset by declines in a number of other sectors, most notably educational services. The unemployment rate edged down 0.2 percentage points to 8.6%.

In British Columbia, employment in March was little changed as an increase of 18,000 in full-time employment was partly offset by a decline

of 13,000 part-time jobs. Despite a large decline in February, job gains since last May total 37,000 (+1.8%). In March, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.9%.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces in March.

# Rebound in hours worked in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

While hours worked at the national level edged down 0.1% in March, there was a substantial increase of 19.5% in Nova Scotia and 15.3% in Prince Edward Island. The strong increase in hours worked in both provinces represents a rebound from the effects of the winter storm that forced many people to miss work in February.

Available on CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042 and 282-0047 to 282-0095.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

Available at 7:00 a.m. on our website under *Today's* news releases from The Daily, then Latest Labour Force Survey.

A more detailed summary, Labour Force Information, is available today for the week ending March 20 (71-001-XIE, \$9/\$84). See How to order products.

Data tables are also available in the *Canadian* statistics module of our website.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on Friday, May 7.

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	February 2004	March 2004	February to March 2004	February 2004	March 2004	February to March 2004	
			seasonally adju	usted			
	Lab	our force		Particip	ation rate		
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	17,180.3	17,188.1	0.0	67.5	67.4	-0.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	262.3	264.4	0.8	59.6	60.1	0.5	
Prince Edward Island	78.0	78.2	0.3	68.4	68.5	0.1	
Nova Scotia	486.2	487.6	0.3	63.7	63.9	0.2	
New Brunswick	387.7	388.8	0.3	63.4	63.6	0.2	
Quebec	4,037.6	4,033.0	-0.1	65.9	65.8	-0.1	
Ontario	6,755.5	6,763.3	0.1	68.3	68.3	0.0	
Manitoba	601.9	601.4	-0.1	68.9	68.8	-0.1	
Saskatchewan	517.8	518.8	0.2	68.4	68.5	0.1	
Alberta	1,842.9	1,837.6	-0.3	73.7	73.4	-0.3	
British Columbia	2,210.5	2,215.0	0.2	65.1	65.1	0.0	
	Em	ployment		Employment rate			
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	15,914.4	15,901.1	-0.1	62.5	62.4	-0.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	219.0	223.3	2.0	49.8	50.8	1.0	
Prince Edward Island	68.9	68.8	-0.1	60.4	60.2	-0.2	
Nova Scotia	440.5	442.7	0.5	57.7	58.0	0.3	
New Brunswick	350.9	350.2	-0.2	57.4	57.3	-0.1	
Quebec	3,681.6	3,686.1	0.1	60.1	60.1	0.0	
Ontario	6,308.3	6,283.8	-0.4	63.8	63.5	-0.3	
Manitoba	573.0	571.7	-0.2	65.6	65.4	-0.2	
Saskatchewan	488.4	487.5	-0.2	64.5	64.4	-0.1	
Alberta	1,747.7	1,746.0	-0.1	69.9	69.7	-0.2	
British Columbia	2,036.0	2,041.1	0.3	59.9	60.0	0.1	
	Uner	Unemployment rate					
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	1,265.9	1,287.0	1.7	7.4	7.5	0.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	43.2	41.1	-4.9	16.5	15.5	-1.0	
Prince Edward Island	9.1	9.4	3.3	11.7	12.0	0.3	
Nova Scotia	45.7	44.9	-1.8	9.4	9.2	-0.2	
New Brunswick	36.7	38.6	5.2	9.5	9.9	0.4	
Quebec	356.0	346.9	-2.6	8.8	8.6	-0.2	
Ontario	447.3	479.5	7.2	6.6	7.1	0.5	
Manitoba	29.0	29.8	2.8	4.8	5.0	0.2	
Saskatchewan	29.3	31.4	7.2	5.7	6.1	0.4	
Alberta	95.1	91.6	-3.7	5.2	5.0	-0.2	
British Columbia	174.4	173.9	-0.3	7.9	7.9	0.0	

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

	March 2003	March 2004	March 2003	March 2003	March 2004	March 2003	
	2003	2004	to	2003	2004	to	
			March 2004			March 2004	
			unadjuste	t		2002	
		Labour Force		Pa	articipation rate		
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	16,743.3	16,981.9	1.4	66.6	66.6	0.0	
Newfoundland and Labrador	250.0	252.0	0.8	56.9	57.3	0.4	
Prince Edward Island	74.0	74.9	1.2	65.6	65.6	0.0	
Nova Scotia New Brunswick	469.3 375.0	480.0 376.5	2.3 0.4	61.9	62.9	1.0	
New Brunswick Quebec	3,938.6	3,984.9	1.2	61.6 64.9	61.6 65.0	0.0 0.1	
Ontario	6,594.1	6,691.7	1.5	67.8	67.6	-0.2	
Manitoba	590.5	597.5	1.2	68.2	68.3	0.1	
Saskatchewan	506.8	510.1	0.7	67.0	67.4	0.4	
Alberta	1,776.0	1,820.1	2.5	72.3	72.7	0.4	
British Columbia	2,169.0	2,194.2	1.2	64.7	64.5	-0.2	
		Employment			Employment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	15,424.0	15,624.2	1.3	61.3	61.3	0.0	
Newfoundland and Labrador	202.6	206.7	2.0	46.1	47.0	0.9	
Prince Edward Island	62.3	63.6	2.1	55.2	55.7	0.5	
Nova Scotia	419.9	428.5	2.0	55.4	56.1	0.7	
New Brunswick	331.4	332.9	0.5	54.5	54.5	0.0	
Quebec	3,557.9	3,615.3	1.6	58.7	59.0	0.3	
Ontario Manitoba	6,134.7 559.7	6,190.7 566.2	0.9 1.2	63.0 64.7	62.5 64.8	-0.5 0.1	
Saskatchewan	477.1	477.3	0.0	63.1	63.1	0.0	
Alberta	1,680.2	1,725.3	2.7	68.4	68.9	0.5	
British Columbia	1,998.2	2,017.8	1.0	59.6	59.3	-0.3	
		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		
	'000		% change	%		change	
Canada	1,319.3	1,357.6	2.9	7.9	8.0	0.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	47.4	45.3	-4.4	19.0	18.0	-1.0	
Prince Edward Island	11.8	11.3	-4.2	15.9	15.1	3.0-	
lova Scotia	49.4	51.5	4.3	10.5	10.7	0.2	
lew Brunswick Quebec	43.6 380.7	43.6 369.6	0.0 -2.9	11.6 9.7	11.6 9.3	0.0 -0.4	
ntario	380.7 459.4	500.9	-2.9 9.0	9.7 7.0	9.3 7.5	-0.4	
Manitoba	30.8	31.3	1.6	7.0 5.2	7.5 5.2	0.0	
Saskatchewan	29.7	32.8	10.4	5.9	6.4	0.9	
Alberta	95.8	94.8	-1.0	5.4	5.2	-0.2	
British Columbia	170.7	176.5	3.4	7.9	8.0	0.1	

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

### Employment by type of work, age and sex

March	February	March	March	February	March	March	February	March
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	March	to		March	to		March	to
	2004	March		2004	March		2004	March
		2004			2004			2004
	seasonally adjusted							

	Both sexes		Men			Women			
					'000				
Employment	15,901.1	-13.3	206.8	8,450.4	-6.8	46.2	7,450.7	-6.5	160.6
Full-time	12,978.3	2.9	242.8	7,522.3	-18.5	39.2	5,455.9	21.3	203.6
Part-time	2,922.9	-16.1	-36.0	928.1	11.8	7.0	1,994.8	-27.8	-43.0
15 to 24 years	2,383.0	-6.3	-39.9	1,196.9	-18.2	-38.9	1,186.1	11.9	-1.0
25 years and over	13,518.1	-7.0	246.6	7,253.5	11.4	85.1	6,264.6	-18.4	161.5
25 to 54 years	11,492.5	15.6	147.9	6,064.9	18.4	25.1	5,427.6	-2.7	122.8
55 years and over	2,025.6	-22.7	98.8	1,188.6	-7.0	60.0	837.0	-15.6	38.7

Related CANSIM table 282-0087. Note:

Public administration

Public sector employees

Private employees

Self-employed

Other services

Class of worker

Private sector

Health care and social assistance

Information, culture and recreation

Accommodation and food services

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

1,726.6

731.1 1,013.7

680.6

816.3

3,081.4

12,833.0

10,404.8

2,428.2

	February	March	February	March	February	March
	2004	2004	to	2003	to	2003
			March	to	March	to
			2004	March	2004	March
				2004		2004
			seasonally ad	justed		
_		'000			%	
All industries	15,914.4	15,901.1	-13.3	206.8	-0.1	1.3
Goods-producing sector	3,977.1	3,990.4	13.3	7.8	0.3	0.2
Agriculture	341.3	343.1	1.8	3.7	0.5	1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	295.6	293.3	-2.3	2.4	-0.8	0.8
Utilities	123.7	130.3	6.6	-1.2	5.3	-0.9
Construction	938.7	938.9	0.2	23.9	0.0	2.6
Manufacturing	2,277.7	2,284.8	7.1	-20.9	0.3	-0.9
Services-producing sector	11,937.3	11,910.7	-26.6	199.0	-0.2	1.7
Trade	2,493.3	2,491.9	-1.4	48.3	-0.1	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	805.5	810.5	5.0	45.2	0.6	5.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	948.9	963.5	14.6	36.1	1.5	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,014.8	1,014.6	-0.2	10.7	0.0	1.1
Business, building and other support services	629.2	609.5	-19.7	1.5	-3.1	0.2
Educational services	1,077.4	1,058.3	-19.1	6.4	-1.8	0.6

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Note: Related to CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

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2.8

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## OTHER RELEASES

## Production of eggs and poultry

February 2004 (preliminary)

Egg production, estimated at 44.8 million dozen in February, was down 0.6% from February 2003.

Poultry meat production reached 82.3 million kilograms in February, up 0.7% from February 2003.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0022, 003-0038 and 003-0039.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3424, 3425 and 5039.

The February 2004 issue of *Production of Eggs* (23-003-XIB, free) will soon be available online. From the *Our products and services page*, choose *Free Publications*, then *Agriculture*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandy Gielfeldt (613-951-2505; sandy.gielfeldt@statcan.ca) or Barbara Bowen (613-951-3716; barbara.bowen@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division.

## Commercial software price index

January 2004 (preliminary)

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments. The CSPI for January was 79.6, down 3.7% from December of 2003. On a 12-month basis, the CSPI declined 15.9%.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

Available on CANSIM: table 331-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; infounit@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Fred Barzyk (613-951-2493; fred.barzyk@statcan.ca), Prices Division.

# **Steel wire and specified wire products** February 2004

Data on steel wire and specified wire products production for February are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0010.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2106, 2116 and 2184.

The February 2004 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products*, Vol. 59, no. 2 (41-006-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

**Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products**, February 2004, Vol. 59, no. 2

Catalogue number 41-006-XIB (\$6/\$51).

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Science Statistics: Research and Development Expenditures of Private Non-Profit Organizations, 2002, Vol. 28, no. 4 Catalogue number 88-001-XIE (\$7/\$64).

Quarterly Demographic Statistics, October to December 2003, Vol. 17, no. 4 Catalogue number 91-002-XIB (\$9/\$27).

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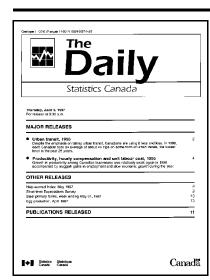
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13	Investment in Non-Residential Construction	First quarter 2004
13	New Housing Price Index	February 2004
14	Canadian International Merchandise Trade	February 2004
14	The Economy: Year-End Review	2003
15	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	February 2004
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