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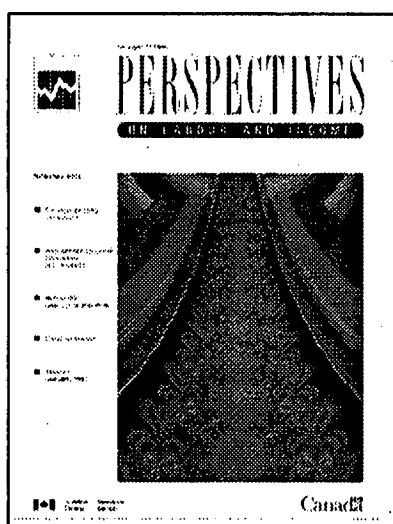
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Perspectives on Labour and Income Spring 1991

The new edition of Statistics Canada's quarterly journal on labour and income issues is released today.

This issue addresses the following topics: a study of apprenticeship programs in Canada based on a survey of apprentices conducted in 1989 and 1990, a review of the key indicators of the labour market in 1990, an interview with a human resource management specialist, an effort to track down discretionary income and the changing face of unemployment.

Each quarter, *Perspectives on Labour and Income* uses results from several data sources to examine and offer insights on emerging issues. Articles trace recent labour market developments as well as current income issues.

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Apprentices: Graduate and Drop-out Labour Market Performances

Data obtained from a survey of apprentices conducted in 1989 and 1990 are examined in "Apprentices: Graduate and Drop-out Labour Market Performances", one of five articles in the Spring 1991 issue of the quarterly publication, *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E). According to the study, Canada's apprenticeship programs are characterized by high drop-out rates.

Highlights

- During 1986 and 1987, about 50,000 participants left apprenticeship training programs either as graduates or drop-outs. The most popular trade pursued was motor vehicle mechanic with 17% of the registrants. Women apprenticed mainly in traditional occupations such as barbering, hairdressing, beautician, cookery and bakery trades.
- A surprisingly high proportion (41%) of the participants left their programs without fully satisfying graduation requirements, with men having a slightly higher drop-out rate (41%) than women (35%).
- Two to three years following graduation, 88% of the graduates worked in the trades in which they had apprenticed. By contrast, the drop-outs showed a much lower attachment to their apprenticeship trades with only 31% remaining in the same trade two to three years after.
- The economic cost of dropping out is not overly high in the short term. Two to three years after leaving their programs, persons who had completed the program requirements in their trades were making \$15.78 an hour, on average, compared with \$13.50 an hour for those who had dropped out of their apprenticeship programs. Nevertheless, the gap is not as large as expected when one considers the number of years of training required for graduation.

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