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Labour Force Survey

July 1993

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for July show that employment declined by 43,000 after a large gain of 99,000 in June. Unemployment increased by 30,000 and the unemployment rate rose to 11.6 (+0.3). The labour force was little changed in July following a sharp increase in June.

Employment and Employment/population Ratio

Seasonally Adjusted

For the week ending July 17, 1993, employment decreased by 43,000 to 12,388,000. Employment declined among youths aged 15 to 24 (-17,000) and among adults (-26,000). For adults, the decrease was concentrated among women. Their employment fell by 18,000 following gains of 83,000 over the two preceding months.

Full-time employment — persons usually working 30 hours or more per week — decreased by an estimated 58,000, offsetting the gain of 51,000 in June. Youths accounted for a slight increase in part-time employment in July (+15,000).

In July, employment was little changed in the services-producing sector, while it fell by 44,000 in the goods-producing industries. Losses were most pronounced in construction (-17,000). Following sharp declines in 1990 and 1991, employment in construction has shown no growth.

Employment decreased in New Brunswick (-5,000) and Quebec (-17,000) following little change during the past few months. Employment also fell by 5,000 in Saskatchewan but it increased by 7,000 in Manitoba. There was no significant change in employment in the other provinces.

The employment/population ratio — persons employed as a percentage of the population aged 15 and over — was 57.9 (-0.2).

Unemployment and Participation Rate

Seasonally Adjusted

In July, the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment increased by 30,000 to 1,619,000. The labour force participation rate — employed and

unemployed persons as a percentage of the population aged 15 and over — declined 0.2 to 65.4. The unemployment rate rose 0.3 to 11.6.

For adults, unemployment increased by 41,000 and the unemployment rate rose by 0.3 to 10.1. The participation rate was unchanged at 65.8.

For youths, unemployment declined by 11,000 as labour force participation fell by 28,000. The unemployment rate edged down 0.2 to 18.6.

Levels and Rates of Unemployment and the Monthly Changes

July 1993

	Level	Change	Rate	Change
	tho	usands	%	
Newfoundland	49	+2	20.6	+ 0.8
Prince Edward Island	12	0	18.1	-0.2
Nova Scotia	62	0	14.6	0.0
New Brunswick	45	+5	13.4	+ 1.5
Quebec	448	-11	13.2	-0.2
Ontario	604	+ 28	11.2	+ 0.5
Manitoba	53	-2	9.8	-0.4
Saskatchewan	38	+2	7.9	+ 0.4
Alberta	140	+ 12	10.1	+ 0.8
British Columbia	179	+ 10	10.3	+ 0.5

Student Summer Employment

Compared to a year earlier, the estimated number of returning students in July 1993 rose by 91,000, while their employment level was little changed (+14,000). Consequently, the employment/population ratio declined 2.0 to 55.3, continuing the downtrend that began in the summer of 1990. In July 1989, 69.0% of returning students were employed.

In July 1993, the employment/population ratio of returning students aged 20 to 24 was 69.6, 3.8 percentage points lower than in July 1992. For returning students aged 15 to 19, the employment/population ratio declined 1.7 to 50.6.

The participation rate of returning students fell to 68.3 in July 1993, from 70.5 in 1992; the unemployment rate rose to 19.0 (+0.3).

For youths who were students in March 1993 and do not intend to return to school in September, the employment/population ratio decreased 1.0 to 63.8. The participation rate for this group fell to 81.6 (-1.4) and the unemployment rate declined 0.2 to 21.8.

From May to September inclusive, data on the participation of students in the labour market are collected through the Labour Force Survey; persons aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full time in March 1993 are asked additional questions. The information is compiled for two categories of students: those who plan to return in the fall of 1993 (returning students) and those who do not plan to return at that time or who are uncertain of their intentions.

Available on CANSIM at 7 a.m. E.D.T.: matrices 2074, 2075, 2078-2107 and table 00799999.

For a summary of information, Labour Force Information (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63) is available today. The July 1993 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information about the Labour Force Survey, call Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Jean-Marc Lévesque (613-951-2301), Vincent Ferrao (613-951-4750), Mike Sheridan (613-951-9480), Deborah Sunter (613-951-4740), Alain Baril (613-951-3325) or General Inquiries (613-951-9448), Household Surveys Division.

Labour Force Characteristics

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			seasonally adjusted		
Labour Force	'000	13,808	14,020	14,007	
Employment	'000	12,212	12,431	12,388	
Unemployment	'000	1,596	1,589	1,619	
Unemployment Rate	%	11.6	11.3	11.6	
Participation Rate	. %	65.5	65.6	65.4	
Employment/population Ratio	%	58.0	58.1	57.9	
			unadjusted		
Labour Force	'000	14,272	14,338	14,490	
Employment	'000	12,657	12,788	12,834	
Unemployment	'000	1,615	1,550	1,656	
Unemployment Rate	%	11.3	10.8	11.4	
Participation Rate	%	67.7	67.1	67.7	
Employment/population Ratio	%	60.1	59.8	60.0	

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Precast Concrete Price Index

Second Quarter 1993

Price indices for the second quarter of 1993 for precast concrete-in-place (1986 = 100) are now available. The index for Canada decreased 0.2% in the second quarter of 1993 from the fourth quarter of 1992 and decreased 1.0% from the second quarter of 1992.

This marks the first release of the new Precast Concrete Price Index (1986 = 100), which succeeds the previously published 1981 = 100 series.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2045.

The second quarter 1993 issue of Construction Price Statistics (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

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Gypsum Products, June 1993. Catalogue number 44-003

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Asphait Roofing, June 1993. Catalogue number 45-001

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Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin.

Vol. 9, No. 5.

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(Canada: \$9.40/\$75; United States: US\$11.25/US\$90;

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July 1993.

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Canada's international Transactions in Services,

1991 and 1992.

Catalogue number 67-203

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Labour Force information, July 1993.

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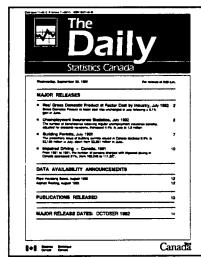


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