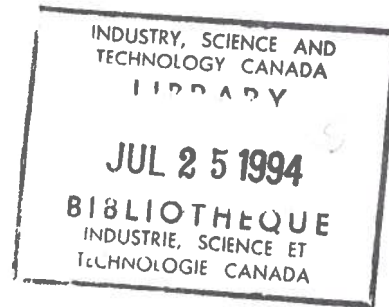


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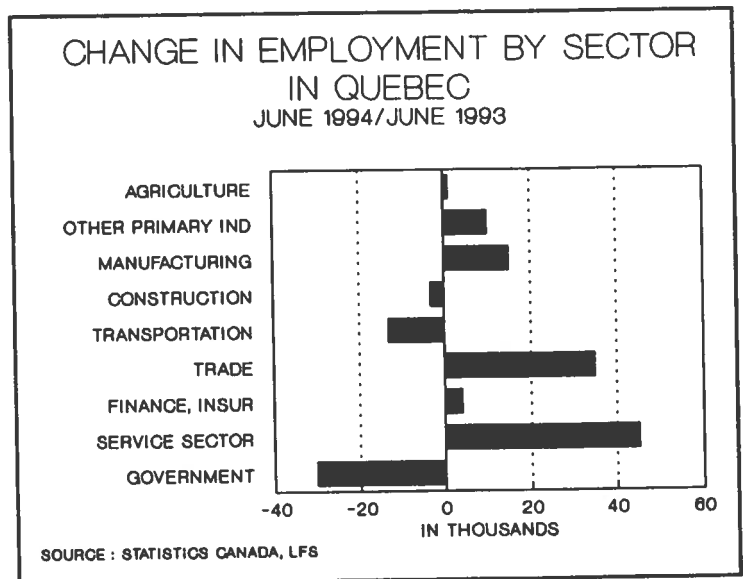
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## Second month of slow growth

- After a gain of 3,000 jobs in May, Quebec's **employment** rose by only 2,000 jobs in June. In Canada as a whole, the number of jobs increased by only 7,000 between May and June, with Ontario and British Columbia adding 4,000 and 6,000 jobs respectively. Seasonally unadjusted employment rose by 63,000 in Quebec on a year-over-year basis. Services (+45,000), trade (+35,000), manufacturing (+15,000) and primary industries (+11,000) generated the largest number of new jobs. By contrast, jobs were lost in government (-30,000), transportation, communications and utilities (-13,000) and construction (-3,000).



## Unemployment rate declines

- As a result of a decrease of 21,000 in the labour force between May and June, the **unemployment rate** in Quebec declined by 0.6% from May to 11.8% in June. All Canadian provinces reported lower unemployment rates, except for Nova Scotia, which posted an increase of 0.5%, and Alberta, where the rate did not change. Saskatchewan has the lowest rate in Canada, 7%, and Newfoundland the highest, 21.2%.



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### *Increase in productivity*

- Canadian firms increased their productivity by 1.2% in 1993, compared to 0.7% in 1992. This upturn is small, however, in comparison with the increase recorded during the previous recovery (+3.8% in 1983 and +4% in 1984). Furthermore, unit production costs fell by 0.4% in 1993, for the first time since 1962, following an increase of 0.7% in hourly wages and 1.1% in hourly production. (Statistics Canada Daily, 14/06/94)

### *Strong growth in Quebec*

- According to the **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec**, Quebec's gross domestic product will grow at essentially the same rate as Canada's over the next three years, that is, just under 4%. Quebec's economic situation is expected to improve thanks to employment growth and increased investment and exports.  
(Cycles et tendances, June 1994)

### *Canada a leader in R&D incentives*

- According to the **CONFERENCE BOARD** of Canada, Canada offers the best tax incentives for research and development of any major industrialized country. The Conference Board noted that the federal government's R&D tax incentives are very attractive, even more so than those of major industrial powers like the United States, Japan and Western Europe. Canada's strong position is due to the generous federal tax incentive program, combined with the incentives adopted in certain provinces, including Quebec, which leads the field in this regard. (La Presse, 07/07/94)

### *Increase in bankruptcies in May*

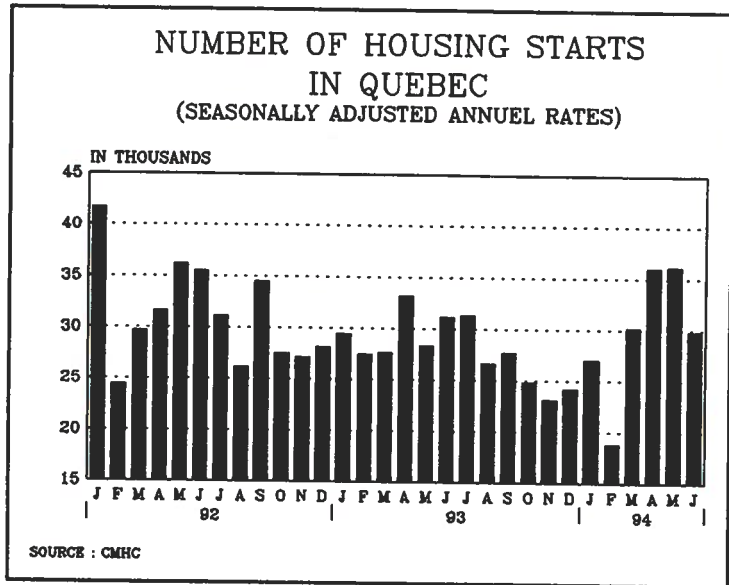
- The number of **business bankruptcies** in Quebec increased to 370 in May 1994, up from 344 in May 1993, with liabilities shooting up from \$80 million in 1993 to \$207 million this year. The largest increases occurred in the construction, financial and insurance, mining and wholesale sectors. (Bankruptcy Statistics, Industry Canada, May 1994)

### *Bank of Canada rate declines*

- Thanks to the relative stability of the Canadian dollar, the **Bank of Canada rate** fell by 14 basis points to 6.48% on July 12, marking the third time in a row that the bank rate had dropped. The major banks lowered the prime rate a quarter percentage point to 7.75%. (La Presse, 13/07/94)

### *Residential construction down in June*

- There were 3,576 housing starts in Quebec in June, 1994, compared to 3,632 in June 1993 and 4,926 in May 1994. Since the beginning of 1994, 16,116 housing starts have been recorded in the province, as against 15,065 last year. After three straight months of growth, residential construction in Quebec slowed down in June compared to the previous month owing to the recent rise in mortgage rates. February 1994 marked the worst month for housing starts in the past two years. There



have been 8,174 housing starts in Montreal since the beginning of the year, or nearly 51% of the total for Quebec. Based on the seasonally adjusted annual rate, the number of housing starts stood at 29,800 in June, compared to 36,100 in May.

(Housing Information Monthly, CMHC)

### *Sharp drop in prices in Quebec*

- The Consumer Price Index declined by 0.2% in Canada in May compared to last year, the first time since 1955 that the Index dropped for Canada as a whole on a year-over-year basis. The decrease is largely attributable to the decrease in Quebec's cigarette and clothing prices and sales tax on goods. The Index contracted by 2.1% in Montreal--the biggest decline in Canada--and by 1.2% in Quebec City. In western Canada, prices rose slightly.

(Le Journal de Montréal, 18/06/94)

### *Trade balance improves*

- Canada's trade surplus rose from \$866 million in March 1994 to \$1.2 billion in April 1994. Exports reached an all-time high of \$17.4 billion, driven by car and truck sales to the United States, and imports totalled \$16.1 billion, fuelled by the upturn in domestic production which boosted imports of machinery and equipment.

(Statistics Canada Daily, 21/06/94)

## REGIONAL REVIEW

### **METROPOLITAN MONTREAL**

#### *Slight upturn in employment*

- Based on the three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted employment in the **Metropolitan Montreal region** rose by only 2,000 jobs, which is the same number as in May. Barely 7,000 new jobs have been created over the past year in Montreal. In June, the unemployment rate stood at 12.4%, which is 0.2% lower than in May.

### ISLAND OF MONTREAL

#### *Major contracts for Désourdy*

- **DÉSOURDY** of Montreal won \$450 million in contracts to build a hospital and modernize the Samara airport in Russia. (Le Soleil, 05/07/94)

#### *Northern Telecom wins another contract*

- **NORTHERN TELECOM** of Montreal won a \$100 million contract to supply Taiwan with a GSM digital telephone network. This is the largest contract ever awarded in the cellular telephone field. (Le Devoir, 12/07/94)

#### *\$300 million theme park*

- The City of Montreal has approved a project costing over \$300 million to build a theme park at the La Ronde site on St Helen's Island. The promoters plan to build 10 theme-based pavilions and upgrade some of the existing rides and games at La Ronde. Various feasibility studies will be carried out between now and 1996, and if all goes as planned, the park will open in 1999. (La Presse, 13/07/94)

#### *Water and sewer system upgrading in Montreal*

- Under the **Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program**, \$35 million is to be invested in various water supply and sewer system projects in Montreal. The costs will be shared equally by the federal, provincial and municipal governments, and the projects should create 460 job-years. (Le Devoir, 09/07/94)

#### *Expansion of the Cinémathèque québécoise*

- The headquarters of the **CINÉMATHEQUE QUÉBÉCOISE** in Montreal will be expanded at a cost of \$12 million, with half of this amount to come from the **Canada-**

Quebec Infrastructure Works Program, Component IV (the federal government's share is \$3 million) and the other half from the Quebec Department of Culture. Work under this project is expected to finish by the fall of 1995. (CBF AM, Montreal, 27/06/94)

### *Jarry Park tennis facility to be renovated*

- A total of \$24 million will be invested to renovate the Jarry Tennis Stadium in Montreal. This work will enable the facility to meet the requirements of the Player's International Tennis Tournament by adding seating, improving sight lines and modernizing services for players and the media. The Player's International Tennis Tournament generates \$10 million in annual spinoffs in Montreal. The construction phase, due to be completed in 1996, will provide employment for 360 people, and 122 jobs will be created on a permanent basis. The project is being carried out under the Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program, Component IV, with a federal government contribution of \$8 million. (La Presse; The Gazette, 21/06/94)

### *Sergaz sold to Ultramar*

- Three weeks after being saved from bankruptcy, **Sergaz** reached an agreement to sell its assets, worth between \$25 and \$30 million, to **Ultramar**. Ultramar announced that most of the Sergaz gas stations will continue to operate under the Sergaz banner, and that the related 1,000 jobs will be preserved. (Le Devoir, 29/06/94)

### *Renovation of the Outremont theatre*

- The federal and provincial governments announced that, under the Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program, the **Outremont** theatre will be renovated and an underground parking lot will be built nearby (\$12 M), together with a library (\$3.6 M). This work will create roughly 100 jobs. (Le Journal de Montréal, 30/06/94)

## LAVAL

### *New venture capital company*

- The new company **INVESTISSEMENTS 3L** will finance start-up and expansion projects for SMEs with a high growth potential located in the area encompassing Laval, the Laurentians and Lanaudière. The initial capital of \$9.55 million was provided by the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Investissement Desjardins, the QFL solidarity fund, the National Bank of Canada and the pension funds of the cities of Laval and Boisbriand. (Le Devoir, 21/06/94)

### *Perrette dairy to close down*

- The **PERRETTE** group closed its dairy in Laval last week, laying off 180 workers. Perrette also placed its competitor **Couche-Tard** in charge of running its 86 stores and filed for protection under the Bankruptcy Act. The new management plans to close six Perrette stores at most. (The Gazette, 28/06/94)

## **CENTRAL REGIONS**

### *EASTERN TOWNSHIPS*

#### *Unemployment rate drops below 10%*

- In June 1994, the unemployment rate for the Eastern Townships fell below 10%, to 9.8%, for the first time since November 1993. This is the lowest June rate posted since 1990, when the rate was 8.5%. Despite this drop, employment increased only marginally in June (+1,000).

#### *Kruger investing*

- **KRUGER** will invest \$21 million in its **Bromptonville** plant, with the major part of this amount (\$18 million) going toward installing a biological effluent treatment system in order to meet government standards. The other \$3 million will be used to purchase equipment for the de-inking shop. The project, due to be completed at the end of the summer of 1995, will provide employment for some 50 people. (Verbatim, La Tribune, 07/06/94)

#### *University of Sherbrooke to undergo expansion*

- The **GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC** is granting \$20 million for the construction of an administration building and an applied sciences building at the **University of Sherbrooke**. Work is slated to begin soon. (Verbatim, La Tribune, 18/06/94)

#### *Pharmacology institute*

- The **GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC** granted \$4 million toward establishing the **Sherbrooke pharmacology institute**, rounding out the funding for this project. Construction is due to begin in the fall and end in 1995. The new institute will employ 150 people, including many scientists, and will be built at a cost of \$16.5 million. The federal government is contributing \$4 million to the project through FORD-Q. (La Tribune, 28/06/94)

## LANAUDIÈRE

### ***6,000 new jobs in June***

- Employment in the Lanaudière region grew by 6,000 in June, after an identical increase in May. The unemployment rate dipped to 11.5% in June, which is 4.3% lower than the March 1994 rate, but 2.5% higher than in June 1993.

## LAURENTIANS

### ***Employment growth accelerates***

- After an increase of 3,000 jobs in May, employment rose by 5,000 in June, resulting in a record 196,000 jobs, 12,000 more than at the same time last year. The unemployment rate declined by 1%, nearing the level of a year ago.

### ***Courthouse to be expanded***

- The St Jérôme courthouse will be expanded under a \$28 million project, with work slated to begin in the fall.  
(Constructo, 14/06/94)

### ***Additional investment at Mont Tremblant***

- Intrawest announced that it is injecting an additional \$53 million to expand the Mont Tremblant ski resort, bringing its total investment to \$466 million. The federal and provincial governments are contributing \$5 million each under the Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program. Intrawest plans to create 12 new ski runs and 4 lifts and to purchase an artificial snow-making system for the coming season.  
(Le Journal de Montréal, 29/06/94)

## MAURICIE/BOIS FRANCS

### ***Major drop in unemployment rate***

- Thanks to a gain of 6,000 jobs, the unemployment rate in the Mauricie/Bois Francs region dropped 1.2% to 10.9%, the lowest rate for this time of year since 1990.

### ***New Cascades plant***

- CASCADES is planning to build a \$70 million paper mill at Kingsey Falls. The official announcement of the project may be made by year-end or in early 1995.  
(La Tribune, 30/06/94)

### *Rivière aux Rats bridge*

- A bridge is to be built on the **St Maurice River** with \$4 million in assistance from the Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program, half of which will come from the federal government. The bridge will enable **Stone Consolidated** to start building a sawmill in Rivière aux Rats and to upgrade its Shawinigan and Grand Mère plants so that it can receive its timber by a route other than the river. This \$53 million project will create some 125 jobs at the plants. (La Presse, 29/06/94)

### *HBAExperco in Cambodia*

- The Cambodia government signed a memorandum of understanding with the consulting engineering group **HBAExperco** of **Drummondville**. This firm will develop a village reconstruction project and build the first village. Although the firm is not assured of managing the entire project, if the results are conclusive, it may qualify for the bulk of the contract. (La Presse, 23/06/94)

## MONTÉRÉGIE

### *Strongest job creation among the regions*

- In June, 14,000 new jobs were generated in the Montérégie region, the strongest performance of all the regions in Quebec. The employment level of 595,000 exceeds all the figures posted monthly since July 1990 (596,000). The unemployment rate fell 0.8% to 9.6%, the lowest rate among the regions.

### *Sale of Sidbec-Dosco*

- The Quebec government sold **SIDBEC-DOSCO** to the Mexican firm **ISPAT** for \$45 million. **ISPAT** agreed to assume \$280 million in debt, add \$30 million in working capital and invest \$100 million in modernization work. Sidbec-Dosco's main plant is located in **Contrecoeur**. (La Presse, 07/07/94)

### *Project to expand courthouse*

- The **Salaberry de Valleyfield** courthouse is to be expanded at a cost of \$15.5 million. While the starting date of construction has not been specified, the project is slated for completion in 1997. (Constructo, 14/06/94)

## OUTAOUAIS

### *Increase in employment*

- Employment grew by 4,000 in June to 140,000, which is a record level for June and equivalent to the peak reached in June 1991. Furthermore, this employment gain marks a reversal of the downtrend observed between November 1993 and May 1994. The unemployment rate declined by 1.4% in June to 10.3%, the lowest level since February 1992.

### *Casino for the Outaouais region*

- The **GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC** announced that a casino will be built in the **Outaouais** region under a \$120 million project which is expected to generate 1,000 new jobs. The site of the future casino has not yet been specified. (Le Soleil, 08/07/94)

## QUEBEC CITY/CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES

### *Surge in employment*

- There were 9,000 new jobs in June in the Quebec City/Chaudière-Appalaches region, the third largest increase among the regions of Quebec. This is a record for June, with 26,000 more jobs than in 1993 and 9,000 more than in 1990, before the recession. The unemployment rate stood at 11%, down 0.7% from the previous month.

### *Mont St Anne ski resort sold*

- The Quebec government transferred the **Mont St Anne** ski resort to a consortium composed of US-based Club Resort and of Développement Bromont as part of a \$20.3 million transaction. (Le Devoir, 17/06/94)

### *Aquarium and zoo to be privatized*

- The Quebec government plans to privatize the **St Foy AQUARIUM** and the **Charlesbourg ZOO** by the end of the year. (Le Soleil, 23/06/94)

## RESOURCE REGIONS

### ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

#### *Gain of 2,000 jobs*

- In June, the employment level reached 60,000, up 2,000 from the previous month and from June 1993. Despite the gains recorded since the beginning of the year, the region's employment is still well below levels reached in 1988 and 1989. Despite the rise in employment, the unemployment rate edged up 0.7% in June, the only increase in Quebec.

### LOWER ST LAWRENCE

#### *Stagnating employment*

- Although 2,000 jobs were added in June, the employment level of 75,000 is below the average for the past 12 months and 7,000 short of the June 1991 figure. The unemployment rate was down slightly compared to May 1994 and June 1993.

#### *Jardins Métis gardens to be sold*

- The Quebec government plans to privatize the Jardins Métis facility by the fall of 1994. These gardens, located east of Mont Joli, are a key tourist attraction for the region.  
(Le Soleil, 23/06/94)

### NORTH SHORE/NORTHERN QUEBEC

#### *Little growth in employment*

- The number of jobs in the North Shore region rose by only 2,000 compared to last year, and the region had 6,000 fewer jobs than in June 1990. The unemployment rate was down substantially from June 1993--14.1% compared to 17%.

#### *Port Cartier plant to reopen*

- The Port Cartier pulp mill, closed in 1991, will start up again by the end of 1994. The project promoter, UNIFORÊT, will build a \$73 million sawmill, which will be one of the largest in Canada. The plant is being reopened thanks to the determination of the City of Port Cartier, which purchased the Cascades facilities, a loan guarantee from the SDI and various other investors. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources granted 1.3 million cubic metres of timber per year, with an additional 200,000-metre

margin in case of need. The pulp mill, sawmill and forestry operations will provide employment for 600 people. (Le Soleil, 11/07/94)

### GASPÉ/MAGDALEN ISLANDS

#### *Increase in employment*

- Despite an increase of 4,000 jobs in June, the employment level (34,000) is the same as in June 1984 and lower than the levels recorded for June from 1984 to 1989. The unemployment rate slipped 3.5% between May and June.

#### *Pulp mill in Chandler*

- Rexfor may invest in the construction of a \$140 million pulp mill which would supply Abitibi-Price's newsprint machines in Chandler. (Le Soleil, 25/06/94)

#### *New tourist attraction for the Magdalen Islands*

- The seal interpretation centre was inaugurated recently at Grande Entrée in the Magdalen Islands. The \$530,000 facility was financed almost exclusively by FORD-Q through a \$459,000 contribution. (Le Soleil, 02/07/94)

#### *Drop in lobster catches*

- Lobster fishing turned out to be less profitable than last year, with a 25% decrease in landings during the first six weeks of operations. When the season closes on July 9 as scheduled, fishermen's earnings may be significantly lower. (Le Soleil, 30/06/94; Le Journal de Montréal, 06/07/94)

### SAGUENAY/LAC ST JEAN

#### *Slight rise in employment*

- There were 3,000 more jobs in June, the first increase since August 1993, and the region's employment was down by 8,000 from June 1993 and 19,000 from June 1990. The unemployment rate has barely changed recently, except for the uptrend seen over the past few months.

### *Grant for the St Félicien zoo*

- The **GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC** awarded \$4 million in assistance to the **St Félicien zoo** so that it can prepare its master plan. The subsidy is contingent on \$2 million in financing being obtained from the community. (Le Quotidien, 18/06/94)

### *Aluminum cars?*

- The **FORD** company is currently involved in experiments to incorporate a large quantity of aluminum into a new car, the Ford Sable AIV. Twenty models have been built, which will be used in road tests around the world. If these trials are successful, **Alcan** will be able to expand its markets and increase production at its Saguenay/Lac St Jean facilities. (Verbatim, Le Quotidien, 16/06/94)

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY  
IN QUEBEC**  
(Unadjusted data)

Industries	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
Agriculture	77	79	76	73		-2		1
Other primary indust.	49	41	39	39		8		10
Manufacturing	565	532	550	523		33		15
Construction	166	156	169	134		10		-3
Transp., communic. and oth. util.	217	211	230	217		6		-13
Trade	536	534	501	511		2		35
Finance, insur. and real estate	185	184	181	175		1		4
Services	1,143	1,118	1,098	1,106		25		45
Public administration	203	189	233	210		14		-30
All industries	3,141	3,043	3,078	2,989		98		63
In thousands								
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS								

**EMPLOYMENT  
BY PROVINCE**  
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Province	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation		
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94	/
Newfoundland	186	192	189	188		-6		-3	
Prince Edward Island	55	55	53	54		0		2	
Nova Scotia	367	372	361	361		-5		6	
New Brunswick	290	288	295	287		2		-5	
Québec	3,022	3,020	2,968	2,987		2		54	
Ontario	4,831	4,827	4,809	4,801		4		22	
Manitoba	490	493	485	492		-3		5	
Saskatchewan	438	435	443	438		3		-5	
Alberta	1,279	1,281	1,256	1,268		-2		23	
British Columbia	1,636	1,630	1,560	1,596		6		76	
Canada	12,597	12,590	12,425	12,472		7		172	
In thousands									
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS									

**EMPLOYMENT\***  
**BY METROPOLITAN AREA**  
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
St-John's (Nfld)	73	74	71	74	-1		2	
Halifax	158	160	152	153	-2		6	
Saint John (NB)	52	52	56	55	0		-4	
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	49	49	54	51	0		-5	
Québec	307	306	285	294	1		22	
Montréal	1,394	1,392	1,387	1,379	2		7	
Trois-Rivières	53	54	52	53	-1		1	
Sherbrooke	57	57	56	56	0		1	
Ottawa-Hull	460	458	443	448	2		17	
Sudbury	67	67	69	68	0		-2	
Toronto	1,759	1,761	1,770	1,760	-2		-11	
Hamilton	309	310	290	303	-1		19	
St.Catharines-Niagara	145	146	139	141	-1		6	
London	171	172	176	173	-1		-5	
Windsor	122	122	115	119	0		7	
Kitchener-Waterloo	199	198	195	197	1		4	
Thunder Bay	57	56	57	57	1		0	
Oshawa	119	117	120	115	2		-1	
Winnipeg	302	301	297	303	1		5	
Regina	86	87	89	88	-1		-3	
Saskatoon	86	87	85	85	-1		1	
Calgary	365	367	360	368	-2		5	
Edmonton	374	373	362	369	1		12	
Vancouver	851	841	815	823	10		36	
Victoria	137	139	127	135	-2		10	

\*Employment: In thousands, three-month moving average  
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**EMPLOYMENT\***  
**BY ECONOMIC REGION**  
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Economic Region				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93		Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	34	30	31	31		4		3
Bas-Saint-Laurent	75	73	73	76		2		2
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	103	100	111	106		3		-8
Québec/Chaudière-Appalaches	453	444	427	436		9		26
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	200	194	201	198		6		-1
Estrie	120	119	110	117		1		10
Montérégie	595	581	561	575		14		34
Montréal-Centre and Laval	864	852	894	867		12		-30
Laurentides	196	191	184	189		5		12
Lanaudière	158	152	151	149		6		7
Outaouais	140	136	137	139		4		3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	60	58	58	58		2		2
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	44	43	42	44		1		2
<b>Province of Québec</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,983</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>62</b>

\*Employment: In thousands, three-month moving average  
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**UNEMPLOYED  
BY PROVINCE**  
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Province	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
Newfoundland	50	52	47	48		-2		3
Prince Edward Island	10	11	12	12		-1		-2
Nova Scotia	58	56	62	61		2		-4
New Brunswick	41	44	41	43		-3		0
Québec	405	428	458	432		-23		-53
Ontario	506	536	575	562		-30		-69
Manitoba	48	51	55	52		-3		-7
Saskatchewan	33	35	35	36		-2		-2
Alberta	126	126	129	129		0		-3
British Columbia	166	171	169	170		-5		-3
Canada	1,452	1,511	1,576	1,545		-59		-124

In thousands

Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

## UNEMPLOYED BY METROPOLITAN AREA

(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93		Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
St-John's (Nfld)	13	12	11	12		1		2
Halifax	17	17	19	19		0		-2
Saint John (NB)	7	8	7	7		-1		0
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	9	8	10	9		1		-1
Québec	40	41	36	37		-1		4
Montréal	197	200	221	211		-3		-24
Trois-Rivières	8	8	7	8		0		1
Sherbrooke	7	7	7	7		0		0
Ottawa-Hull	42	44	40	44		-2		2
Sudbury	8	8	8	8		0		0
Toronto	204	207	223	225		-3		-19
Hamilton	27	30	40	33		-3		-13
St.Catharines-Niagara	18	18	22	21		0		-4
London	18	17	17	16		1		1
Windsor	13	14	15	15		-1		-2
Kitchener-Waterloo	16	16	20	17		0		-4
Thunder Bay	8	8	8	8		0		0
Oshawa	14	15	17	17		-1		-3
Winnipeg	38	39	40	39		-1		-2
Regina	8	8	8	8		0		0
Saskatoon	9	9	8	9		0		1
Calgary	40	40	44	42		0		-4
Edmonton	46	44	48	47		2		-2
Vancouver	90	88	91	85		2		-1
Victoria	12	12	11	12		0		1

\* Unemployed: In thousands, three-month moving average

Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**UNEMPLOYED\***  
**BY ECONOMIC REGION**  
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Economic Region	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	10	11	10	9	-1		0	
Bas-Saint-Laurent	15	15	15	14	0		0	
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	19	19	20	18	0		-1	
Québec/Chaudière-Appalaches	56	59	49	52	-3		7	
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	24	27	29	25	-3		-5	
Estrie	13	13	14	13	0		-1	
Montérégie	63	67	90	77	-4		-27	
Montréal-Centre and Laval	133	140	145	139	-7		-12	
Laurentides	31	33	29	33	-2		2	
Lanaudière	21	24	15	20	-3		6	
Outaouais	16	18	17	18	-2		-1	
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	11	10	9	10	1		2	
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	7	7	9	7	0		-2	
<b>Province of Québec</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>-23</b>		<b>-31</b>	

\*Unemployed: In thousands, three-month moving average

Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
BY PROVINCE**  
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Province	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
Newfoundland	21.2	21.3	19.9	20.4	-0.1		1.3	
Prince Edward Island	16.0	17.2	18.3	18.0	-1.2		-2.3	
Nova Scotia	13.6	13.1	14.7	14.4	0.5		-1.1	
New Brunswick	12.4	13.3	12.2	13.0	-0.9		0.2	
Québec	11.8	12.4	13.4	12.6	-0.6		-1.6	
Ontario	9.5	10.0	10.7	10.5	-0.5		-1.2	
Manitoba	8.9	9.4	10.2	9.5	-0.5		-1.3	
Saskatchewan	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.6	-0.4		-0.3	
Alberta	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.2	0.0		-0.3	
British Columbia	9.2	9.5	9.8	9.6	-0.3		-0.6	
Canada	10.3	10.7	11.3	11.0	-0.4		-1.0	

In percentage  
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE\***  
**BY METROPOLITAN AREA**  
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94
St-John's (Nfld)	14.9	14.2	13.8	13.4		0.7		1.1
Halifax	9.6	9.8	11.1	11.2		-0.2		-1.5
Saint John (NB)	12.7	12.7	10.6	11.2		0.0		2.1
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	15.2	14.6	15.6	15.5		0.6		-0.4
Québec	11.6	11.8	11.1	11.2		-0.2		0.5
Montréal	12.4	12.6	13.7	13.3		-0.2		-1.3
Trois-Rivières	13.5	13.2	12.6	13.7		0.3		0.9
Sherbrooke	10.8	10.5	11.3	11.2		0.3		-0.5
Ottawa-Hull	8.4	8.7	8.2	8.9		-0.3		0.2
Sudbury	11.1	10.7	10.7	10.6		0.4		0.4
Toronto	10.4	10.5	11.2	11.3		-0.1		-0.8
Hamilton	8.0	8.8	12.2	9.9		-0.8		-4.2
St.Catharines-Niagara	11.3	10.9	13.7	13.2		0.4		-2.4
London	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.4		0.8		0.9
Windsor	9.8	10.5	11.6	11.0		-0.7		-1.8
Kitchener-Waterloo	7.3	7.4	9.5	8.0		-0.1		-2.2
Thunder Bay	12.4	12.8	12.1	11.7		-0.4		0.3
Oshawa	10.4	11.2	12.3	12.9		-0.8		-1.9
Winnipeg	11.1	11.5	11.8	11.4		-0.4		-0.7
Regina	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.2		-0.1		0.1
Saskatoon	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.4		0.0		0.1
Calgary	9.8	9.9	11.0	10.3		-0.1		-1.2
Edmonton	10.9	10.6	11.7	11.3		0.3		-0.8
Vancouver	9.5	9.5	10.0	9.4		0.0		-0.5
Victoria	8.0	7.7	8.2	7.9		0.3		-0.2

\*Unemployment rate: In percentage, three-month moving average  
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE\***  
**BY ECONOMIC REGION**  
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Economic Region				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation		
	Jun-94	May-94	Jun-93		Jun-94	/	May-94	Jun-94	/
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	22.7	26.2	25.1	22.5		-3.5			-2.4
Bas-Saint-Laurent	16.6	17.2	16.9	15.5		-0.6			-0.3
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	15.9	15.9	15.0	14.7		0.0			0.9
Québec/Chaudière-Appalaches	11.0	11.7	10.3	10.6		-0.7			0.7
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	10.9	12.1	12.6	11.4		-1.2			-1.7
Estrie	9.8	10.0	11.3	10.2		-0.2			-1.5
Montréal	9.6	10.4	13.9	11.8		-0.8			-4.3
Montréal-Centre and Laval	13.4	14.1	14.0	13.8		-0.7			-0.6
Laurentides	13.8	14.8	13.7	14.9		-1.0			0.1
Lanaudière	11.5	13.6	9.0	11.8		-2.1			2.5
Outaouais	10.3	11.7	11.0	11.6		-1.4			-0.7
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	15.0	14.3	13.0	14.6		0.7			2.0
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	14.1	14.5	17.0	13.9		-0.4			-2.9
Province of Québec	12.1	13.0	13.1	12.7		-0.9			-1.0

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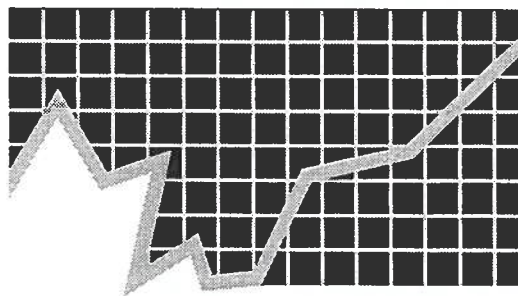
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