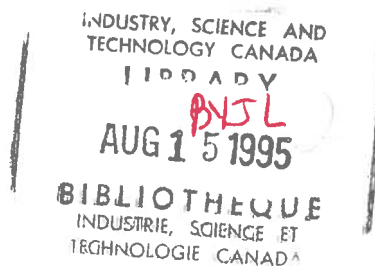


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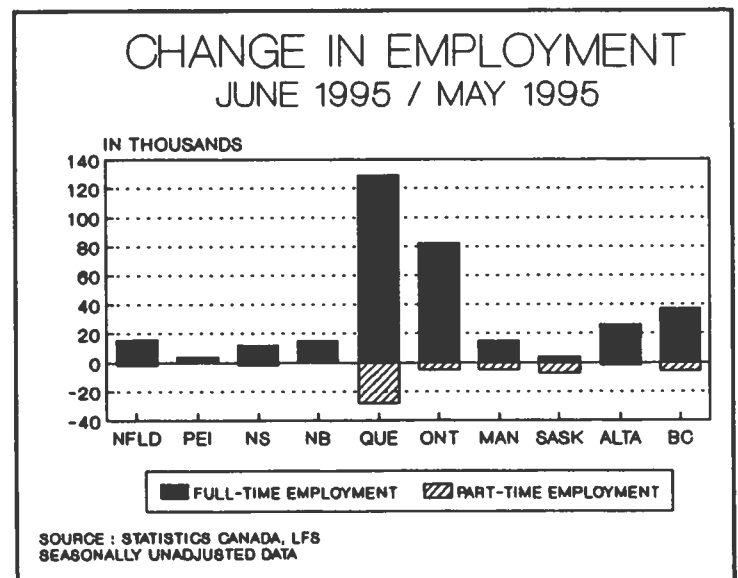
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Slight decline in Quebec's employment

- In June, Quebec's employment was down by 2,000 from the previous month, while in Canada as a whole, employment grew by 16,000 thanks to the jobs created in Alberta and British Columbia. On a seasonally unadjusted basis, the province chalked up 102,000 jobs compared to May, adding 129,000 new full-time positions and eliminating 28,000 part-time ones. Among the industry sectors, transportation, communications and utilities posted the largest gains (24,000), followed by trade (21,000), services (19,000) and construction (15,000). Manufacturing and agriculture each lost 2,000 jobs.



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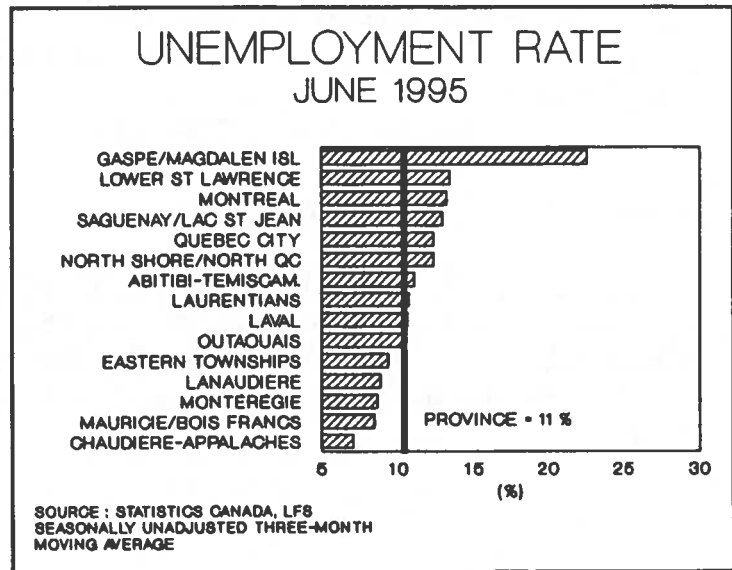
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Unemployment on the rise

- As a result of an influx of 14,000 new job seekers, Quebec's unemployment rate rose from 10.9% in May to 11.3% in June, whereas the national rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 9.6%. Saskatchewan had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada, with 6.7%, and Newfoundland the highest, 18.4%. On a year-over-year basis, the rate dropped in all provinces, except New Brunswick, with the steepest drop occurring in Newfoundland (-2.4 percentage points).



Marginal GDP growth

- In the first quarter of 1995, Canada's GDP edged up 0.2%, the smallest increase since the fourth quarter of 1992. This slower growth was caused by rising interest rates, strikes in the transportation sector and reduced economic growth in the United States.

(Statistics Canada Daily, 12-06-95)

Acceleration of inflation

- Canada's Consumer Price Index climbed 2.9% between May 1994 and May 1995, compared with 2.5% the previous month. This acceleration was triggered by rising gas and accommodation prices and higher maintenance and repair costs for property owners. In Quebec, the CPI expanded by 2.8%.

(Statistics Canada Daily, 16-06-95)

Decline in international trade

- In April, for the third consecutive month, Canada's commodity exports fell from the previous month, slipping 0.6% owing to a contraction in sales of cars and trucks and office and telecommunications equipment. Since imports remained unchanged from March, the trade surplus decreased only slightly.

(Statistics Canada Daily, 21-06-95)

Business bankruptcies on the rise

- The number of bankruptcies in Quebec rose to 1,975 in April 1995, compared with 1,661 in April 1994. Quebec posted 427 business bankruptcies in April 1995, which is 40% of the total for Canada.

(Industry Canada, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, April 1995)

New fashion design institute

- UQAM and Lasalle College have joined forces to establish a fashion design institute, which will open in the fall and offer a bachelor's degree in fashion design. Since the clothing and fashion industry is a high-growth sector for Montreal, this facility will enable the city to compete more effectively with fashion centres such as New York City, Paris, London, Milan and Tokyo.

(Le Devoir, 30-06-95)

REGIONAL REVIEW

METROPOLITAN MONTREAL

No change in employment

- Based on a seasonally adjusted three-month moving average, the employment level did not change between May and June 1995. On a year-over-year basis, job growth in the Metropolitan Montreal region totalled 25,000. The unemployment rate slipped from 11.5% in May to 11.3% in June.

MONTREAL

Slight rise in employment

- Seasonally unadjusted data based on a three-month moving average indicate that employment in the Montreal area increased by 6,000 in June; however, on a year-over-year basis, 20,000 jobs were lost. The area's unemployment rate, at 13.3% in June, was the third highest in Quebec.

New Cirque du Soleil facilities

- Construction began in June on the Cirque du Soleil studios in the St Michel district of Montreal. This project, to be carried out in three phases at a cost of \$30 million, will give the circus functional and spacious premises.

(Le Devoir, 22-06-95)

Major real estate project

- Pacific International Equities Corporation and Marathon Realty Company Ltd plan to carry out a \$500 million mega housing project in Cote St Luc and Montreal West, which will result in 1,500 to 1,800 new dwelling units.

(Constructo, 16-06-95)

Réno-Dépôt in LaSalle

- Réno-Dépôt is to build a large-surface store in LaSalle at an estimated cost of \$20 million.

(Constructo, 13-06-95)

LAVAL

Employment up slightly in June

- Although employment increased by only 2,000 in June from May, the region still ranked first in terms of year-over-year job creation (25,000). The unemployment rate stood at 10.7% in June, compared to 11.6% in May 1995 and June 1994.

CENTRAL REGIONS

CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES

Job growth continues

- A gain of 4,000 jobs was recorded in June, bringing the region's total employment to 180,000. At the same time, the unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 7.1% in June.

Assurance-vie Desjardins expanding headquarters

- Assurance-vie Desjardins will expand its head office in Levis by adding a 6-storey tower under a \$12 million project slated to get under way this year.

(Constructo, 21-06-95)

Contract for Industries de la Rive-Sud

- The firm Industries de la Rive-Sud of St Croix de Lotbinière has landed a \$50 million contract to supply furniture to Shanghai in China.

(Le Soleil, 21-06-95)

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS

Stagnating employment

- The employment level did not change between June 1994 and June 1995, despite a gain of 3,000 jobs between May and June 1995. The unemployment rate fell below 10% to 9.4%.

Modernization at C.S. Brooks

- C.S. Brooks, a fabric and bedding maker, will invest \$20 million over five years at its Sherbrooke and Magog plants. In the first project phase, the company will fit its Sherbrooke facility out with new equipment at a cost of \$10 million. Then, it will inject a further \$10 million into its Sherbrooke and Magog facilities, which currently have 1,050 employees, thereby creating 50 jobs at the Sherbrooke plant.

(Les Affaires, 30-04-95)

Layoffs at Unitcast

- Unitcast has announced that it is laying off 80 workers for at least six months at its Sherbrooke plant. Company representatives nonetheless denied the rumour that it will eventually move its plant to Cornwall. Prior to the layoffs, Unitcast had a workforce of 140.

(La Tribune, 16-06-95)

LANAUDIÈRE

Surge in job growth

- With 7,000 more jobs in June compared to May, the Lanaudière region posted the second best job growth performance in Quebec, on a par with the Laurentians and Saguenay/Lac St Jean regions. This increase helped to reduce unemployment substantially, with the rate falling from 10.6% in May to 8.9% in June.

LAURENTIANS

7,000 jobs created again

- In June, for the second straight month, 7,000 jobs were created in the Laurentians region, giving it 18,000 more jobs than in March 1995, the lowest level recorded this year. The unemployment rate dropped from 12.1% in May to 10.8% in June.

Cross-cutting centre

- The **Coopérative forestière des Hautes-Laurentides** (Upper Laurentians Forestry Co-operative) may set up a cross-cutting centre and a timber yard adjacent to the Meilleur sawmill, under a project requiring an investment of \$7 million to \$10 million.

(Constructo, 02-06-95)

MAURICIE/BOIS FRANCS

Employment reaches peak

- Employment in Mauricie/Bois Francs totalled 219,000 in June, which represents an increase of 6,000 jobs from May and the highest level reached since January 1990. Thanks to this solid job growth, the unemployment rate fell sharply to 8.5% in June, the second lowest rate in Quebec.

Investment at Swift Textiles

- Denim maker **Swift Textiles** of **Drummondville** is investing \$13.2 million to expand and modernize its plant, and expects to complete construction by year-end.

(La Parole, 05-07-95)

Another investment in Drummondville

- **Crain Drummond**, a business forms manufacturer, is going to build a plant entailing an investment of some \$12 million in the **Drummondville** industrial park, with construction possibly beginning this year.

(Constructo, 09-06-95)

Ro-Na store planned for Trois Rivières

- **Ro-Na Dismat** will build a **Ro-Na L'Entrepôt** store in **Trois Rivières**, and construction of the \$12 million facility may start this year.

(Constructo, 09-06-95)

MONTÉRÉGIE

Strongest job creation in Quebec in June

- Employment grew by 15,000 between May and June 1995, the largest rise among the administrative regions of Quebec. On a year-over-year basis, 16,000 jobs were added, or 9,000 fewer than in Laval. The region's unemployment rate of 8.7% was the third lowest in Quebec.

New store in St Hubert

- **Réno-Dépôt** will build a new large-surface store in **St Hubert** this summer at an estimated cost of \$20 million.

(Constructo, 13-06-95)

OUTAOUAIS

Slight rise in employment

- Only 1,000 new jobs were created between May and June 1995, with a gain of 3,000 year over year. Although the unemployment rate was lower than in May, it was up from June 1994, making this the only region to record higher unemployment for this period.

Réno-Dépôt in Gatineau

- A large-surface **Réno-Dépôt** store is to be built in **Gatineau** next winter with an investment of \$20 million.

(Constructo, 13-06-95)

QUEBEC CITY

More jobs created

- In the Quebec City area, the number of jobs rose by 5,000 between May and June 1995. However, this performance was not strong enough to eliminate the year-over-year shortfall, which amounted to 17,000 last month. The unemployment rate stood at 12.4% in June.

Daishowa to treat wastewater

- **Daishowa of Quebec City** has started up its new wastewater treatment system, which should reach full efficiency by August. The company invested \$23 million in this installation.

(Le Soleil, 11-07-95)

RESOURCE REGIONS

ABITIBI-TEMISCAMINGUE

Slowdown in growth

- June's gain of 1,000 jobs was insufficient to sustain year-over-year employment growth, which slipped from 6,000 in May to 4,000 in June. The unemployment rate declined marginally to 11.1%.

Cogeneration plant

- **Indeck-Senneterre** will build a new cogeneration plant in the **Senneterre** industrial park. Construction under this \$69 million project is scheduled to begin in 1996, with some 100 people to be hired during the construction phase and a workforce of about 20 once the plant comes on stream.

(L'Écho, 28-06-95)

LOWER ST LAWRENCE

Upturn in job creation

- A solid 5,000 jobs were generated in the Lower St Lawrence region in June, with 8,000 added on a year-over-year basis, which is a marked improvement over the situation in May. The unemployment rate dropped to 13.5%.

NORTH SHORE/NORTHERN QUEBEC

Addition of 4,000 jobs

- There were 57,000 jobs in June, or 4,000 more than in May. This reduced the year-over-year loss from 3,000 in May to 1,000 in June. The unemployment rate was 12.4% in June.

GASPÉ/MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Little increase in employment

- Since only 2,000 new jobs were generated in the region since the beginning of 1995, a year-over-year decrease of 3,000 was posted for the period. The unemployment rate was the same as a year earlier.

Newport plant may reopen

- The Quebec Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food expressed the hope that the former plant of the **Société des pêches de Newport** would reopen at the end of the summer. **Sogelco International** of Montreal may take over the operation, providing work for 150 people nine months out of the year.

(Le Soleil, 19-06-95)

Ferry service between the Gaspé and the Magdalen Islands

- A new ferry service started up on July 1 between Carleton and Cap aux Meules. The vessel, which can transport 128 vehicles and 507 people, does the crossing in 14 1/2 hours.
(Le Devoir, 29-06-95)

SAGUENAY/LAC ST JEAN

Growth picks up

- Job growth in the region totalled 7,000 between May and June 1995, the second best showing in Quebec. Compared with June 1994, employment was up by 13,000, a performance surpassed only by Laval and Montérégie.

Major project in Jonquière

- Abitibi-Price is planning to add a new machine at the Kenogami plant in Jonquière through a \$700 million investment which will save the plant and allow it to manufacture very high quality paper.
(Le Soleil, 21-06-95)

Uniboard to build plant in La Baie

- Uniboard and limited partnership Sodexfor will build a plant to manufacture reconstituted medium-density fibreboard. This \$125 million project will provide employment for 100 people.
(Le Soleil, 04-07-95)

Commercial construction

- Ro-na Dismat is building a warehouse store in Chicoutimi at a cost of \$18 million, and Price Costco is going to build a Price Club store at the same site with an \$8 million investment.
(Constructo, 09-06-95)

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

Industries	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
Agriculture	72	74	78	70		-2		-6
Other primary indust.	49	41	53	44		8		-4
Manufacturing	615	617	586	596		-2		29
Construction	166	151	171	140		15		-5
Transp., communic. and oth. util.	256	232	226	234		24		30
Trade	571	550	560	550		21		11
Finance, insur. and real estate	198	187	191	171		11		7
Services	1,181	1,162	1,193	1,170		19		-12
Public administration	216	211	215	211		5		1
All industries	3,326	3,224	3,274	3,186		102		52
In thousands								
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS								

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
BY PROVINCE**
(Unadjusted data)

Province				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/ May-95	Jun-95	/ Jun-94
Newfoundland	183	167	180	170	16		3	
Prince Edward Island	55	51	53	48	4		2	
Nova Scotia	322	310	320	313	12		2	
New Brunswick	287	272	279	265	15		8	
Québec	2862	2733	2845	2714	129		17	
Ontario	4445	4363	4378	4326	82		67	
Manitoba	447	432	434	420	15		13	
Saskatchewan	388	384	393	380	4		-5	
Alberta	1181	1155	1142	1136	26		39	
British Columbia	1495	1458	1441	1436	37		54	
Canada	11666	11325	11465	11208	341		201	
In thousands								
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS								

**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
BY PROVINCE**
(Unadjusted data)

Province				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/ May-95	Jun-95	/ Jun-94
Newfoundland	28	30	26	27	-2		2	
Prince Edward Island	9	9	9	9	0		0	
Nova Scotia	71	73	74	68	-2		-3	
New Brunswick	47	47	49	48	0		-2	
Québec	463	491	429	472	-28		34	
Ontario	893	898	871	893	-5		22	
Manitoba	90	97	86	97	-7		4	
Saskatchewan	84	84	79	81	0		5	
Alberta	223	225	218	226	-2		5	
British Columbia	306	312	346	312	-6		-40	
Canada	2215	2266	2189	2233	-51		26	
In thousands								
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS								

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

Province				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/ May-95	Jun-95	/ Jun-94
Newfoundland	200	199	194	197		1		6
Prince Edward Island	58	58	56	57		0		2
Nova Scotia	379	381	380	381		-2		-1
New Brunswick	312	313	305	313		-1		7
Québec	3,203	3,205	3,152	3,186		-2		51
Ontario	5,233	5,231	5,135	5,224		2		98
Manitoba	525	523	509	517		2		16
Saskatchewan	458	461	456	461		-3		2
Alberta	1,375	1,369	1,331	1,363		6		44
British Columbia	1,757	1,751	1,743	1,748		6		14
Canada	13,504	13,488	13,269	13,446		16		235

In thousands
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

EMPLOYMENT*
BY METROPOLITAN AREA
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
St-John's (Nfld)	82	83	80	81		-1		2
Halifax	163	164	166	164		-1		-3
Saint John (NB)	59	60	57	59		-1		2
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	63	63	57	62		0		6
Québec	312	311	330	315		1		-18
Montréal	1,535	1,535	1,510	1,540		0		25
Trois-Rivières	63	63	64	63		0		-1
Sherbrooke	61	61	68	66		0		-7
Ottawa-Hull	516	516	523	520		0		-7
Sudbury	79	78	74	78		1		5
Toronto	2,103	2,108	2,039	2,079		-5		64
Hamilton	313	309	310	309		4		3
St. Catharines-Niagara	162	161	153	155		1		9
London	211	208	206	213		3		5
Windsor	125	125	127	128		0		-2
Kitchener-Waterloo	207	207	200	207		0		7
Thunder Bay	65	65	59	64		0		6
Oshawa	129	128	125	129		1		4
Winnipeg	343	342	328	336		1		15
Regina	99	99	99	100		0		0
Saskatoon	106	107	105	106		-1		1
Calgary	427	424	399	415		3		28
Edmonton	453	458	435	449		-5		18
Vancouver	904	912	903	910		-8		1
Victoria	144	144	147	143		0		-3

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

EMPLOYMENT*
BY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Administrative Region	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	31	28	34	31	3		-3	
Bas-Saint-Laurent	85	80	77	79	5		8	
Québec	279	274	296	285	5		-17	
Chaudière-Appalaches	180	176	178	175	4		2	
Estrie	122	119	122	119	3		0	
Montérégie	620	605	604	601	15		16	
Montréal	761	755	781	789	6		-20	
Laval	163	161	138	158	2		25	
Lanaudière	176	169	166	162	7		10	
Laurentides	199	192	194	196	7		5	
Outaouais	150	149	147	151	1		3	
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	68	67	64	65	1		4	
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	219	213	210	210	6		9	
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	114	107	101	108	7		13	
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	57	53	58	54	4		-1	
Province of Québec	3,223	3,148	3,169	3,182	75		54	

*Employment: In thousands, three-month moving average

Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

**EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIO
BY PROVINCE**
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Province	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
Newfoundland	44.0	43.7	42.5	43.2		0.3		1.5
Prince Edward Island	55.0	55.0	54.0	54.9		0.0		1.0
Nova Scotia	51.9	52.2	52.4	52.3		-0.3		-0.5
New Brunswick	52.2	52.3	51.4	52.5		-0.1		0.8
Québec	55.2	55.3	54.8	55.1		-0.1		0.4
Ontario	60.0	60.1	59.8	60.4		-0.1		0.2
Manitoba	61.8	61.6	60.2	61.1		0.2		1.6
Saskatchewan	61.1	61.5	61.2	61.7		-0.4		-0.1
Alberta	66.6	66.4	65.3	66.4		0.2		1.3
British Columbia	59.7	59.6	60.9	60.1		0.1		-1.2
Canada	58.7	58.7	58.4	58.8		0.0		0.3

In percentage
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIO*
BY METROPOLITAN AREA
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation		
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95	/
St-John's (Nfld)	56.9	57.5	55.6	56.4	-0.6				1.3
Halifax	61.1	61.4	63.2	62.0	-0.3				-2.1
Saint John (NB)	55.6	56.4	54.2	56.1	-0.8				1.4
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	47.6	47.8	43.6	47.0	-0.2				4.0
Québec	55.4	55.2	59.4	56.3	0.2				-4.0
Montréal	56.2	56.2	55.6	56.6	0.0				0.6
Trois-Rivières	53.8	54.0	55.0	54.1	-0.2				-1.2
Sherbrooke	51.2	51.2	57.3	55.1	0.0				-6.1
Ottawa-Hull	61.8	61.9	64.2	62.9	-0.1				-2.4
Sudbury	56.0	55.5	53.7	55.7	0.5				2.3
Toronto	61.1	61.4	60.2	60.8	-0.3				0.9
Hamilton	61.5	60.6	61.4	60.9	0.9				0.1
St.Catharines-Niagara	55.8	55.5	53.2	53.9	0.3				2.6
London	63.6	62.8	63.1	64.7	0.8				0.5
Windsor	57.5	57.5	58.6	58.8	0.0				-1.1
Kitchener-Waterloo	67.6	67.6	66.3	68.0	0.0				1.3
Thunder Bay	62.1	62.2	57.3	61.1	-0.1				4.8
Oshawa	63.7	63.6	63.2	64.4	0.1				0.5
Winnipeg	61.6	61.5	59.6	60.6	0.1				2.0
Regina	63.6	63.7	64.2	64.7	-0.1				-0.6
Saskatoon	61.6	62.3	61.6	61.6	-0.7				0.0
Calgary	66.9	66.5	63.6	65.5	0.4				3.3
Edmonton	65.0	65.8	63.3	64.9	-0.8				1.7
Vancouver	61.3	61.9	62.8	62.3	-0.6				-1.5
Victoria	56.0	56.2	58.6	56.3	-0.2				-2.6

* Employment/population ratio: In percentage, three-month moving average
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIO*
BY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Administrative Region	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/ May-95	Jun-95	/ Jun-94
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	37.0	33.7	41.1	37.3	3.3		-4.1	
Bas-Saint-Laurent	52.0	48.9	47.3	48.5	3.1		4.7	
Québec	52.2	51.3	56.0	53.6	0.9		-3.8	
Chaudière-Appalaches	60.3	58.8	59.9	58.7	1.5		0.4	
Estrie	55.4	54.0	55.9	54.5	1.4		-0.5	
Montréal	60.7	59.4	60.1	59.4	1.3		0.6	
Montréal	51.5	51.1	52.5	53.2	0.4		-1.0	
Laval	60.5	59.9	51.9	58.8	0.6		8.6	
Lanaudière	58.8	56.6	57.3	54.8	2.2		1.5	
Laurentides	58.0	56.0	58.3	58.0	2.0		-0.3	
Outaouais	59.9	59.6	60.0	60.7	0.3		-0.1	
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	56.4	56.1	53.8	54.4	0.3		2.6	
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	57.0	55.5	54.9	54.7	1.5		2.1	
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	50.0	47.0	44.5	47.2	3.0		5.5	
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	54.6	51.2	56.3	52.3	3.4		-1.7	
Province of Québec	55.6	54.3	55.2	55.1	1.3		0.4	

* Employment/population ratio: In percentage, three-month moving average
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

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

Province				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/ May-95	Jun-95	/ Jun-94
Newfoundland	45	46	51	48	-1		-6	
Prince Edward Island	10	10	11	11	0		-1	
Nova Scotia	58	56	59	56	2		-1	
New Brunswick	45	40	43	43	5		2	
Québec	408	392	428	425	16		-20	
Ontario	505	517	536	509	-12		-31	
Manitoba	41	42	50	45	-1		-9	
Saskatchewan	33	36	34	32	-3		-1	
Alberta	108	118	131	117	-10		-23	
British Columbia	174	172	178	172	2		-4	
Canada	1,431	1,424	1,525	1,456	7		-94	
In thousands								
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS								

**UNEMPLOYED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA**
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
St-John's (Nfld)	12	11	14	13		1		-2
Halifax	18	18	18	16		0		0
Saint John (NB)	6	6	9	8		0		-3
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11	11	10	11		0		1
Québec	38	43	46	40		-5		-8
Montréal	196	199	215	211		-3		-19
Trois-Rivières	7	8	10	9		-1		-3
Sherbrooke	8	9	8	7		-1		0
Ottawa-Hull	57	58	47	49		-1		10
Sudbury	7	7	9	8		0		-2
Toronto	205	206	235	216		-1		-30
Hamilton	22	25	27	26		-3		-5
St. Catharines-Niagara	16	16	19	16		0		-3
London	19	20	22	18		-1		-3
Windsor	14	13	14	11		1		0
Kitchener-Waterloo	16	16	16	14		0		0
Thunder Bay	6	6	8	7		0		-2
Oshawa	11	10	13	11		1		-2
Winnipeg	30	29	41	35		1		-11
Regina	8	8	9	7		0		-1
Saskatoon	8	8	11	9		0		-3
Calgary	39	40	43	39		-1		-4
Edmonton	45	44	53	47		1		-8
Vancouver	82	83	94	83		-1		-12
Victoria	15	15	13	13		0		2

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

UNEMPLOYED*
BY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Administrative Region	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	9	10	10	8		-1		-1
Bas-Saint-Laurent	13	14	15	13		-1		-2
Québec City	39	45	46	40		-6		-7
Chaudière-Appalaches	14	15	16	14		-1		-2
Estrie	13	14	13	13		-1		0
Montérégie	59	65	65	67		-6		-6
Montreal	117	122	124	124		-5		-7
Laval	20	21	18	20		-1		2
Lanaudière	17	20	22	20		-3		-5
Laurentides	24	26	31	27		-2		-7
Outaouais	18	20	17	18		-2		1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	8	9	11	9		-1		-3
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	20	23	26	25		-3		-6
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	17	20	20	18		-3		-3
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	8	9	9	10		-1		-1
Province of Québec	397	432	444	426		-35		-47

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

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

Province				Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation		
	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94		Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95	/
Newfoundland	18.4	18.8	20.8	19.7	-0.4		-2.4		
Prince Edward Island	15.2	15.3	16.2	15.9	-0.1		-1.0		
Nova Scotia	13.3	12.8	13.4	12.8	0.5		-0.1		
New Brunswick	12.6	11.3	12.4	12.0	1.3		0.2		
Québec	11.3	10.9	12.0	11.8	0.4		-0.7		
Ontario	8.8	9.0	9.5	8.9	-0.2		-0.7		
Manitoba	7.2	7.4	8.9	8.1	-0.2		-1.7		
Saskatchewan	6.7	7.2	6.9	6.5	-0.5		-0.2		
Alberta	7.3	7.9	9.0	7.9	-0.6		-1.7		
British Columbia	9.0	8.9	9.3	8.9	0.1		-0.3		
Canada	9.6	9.5	10.3	9.8	0.1		-0.7		
In percentage									
Source: Statistics Canada, LFS									

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE*
BY METROPOLITAN AREA
(Seasonally adjusted data)

Metropolitan Area	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
St-John's (Nfld)	12.3	12.0	15.0	13.6	0.3		-2.7	
Halifax	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.0	0.2		0.4	
Saint John (NB)	9.8	9.1	13.0	11.3	0.7		-3.2	
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	14.4	15.0	14.9	14.7	-0.6		-0.5	
Québec	10.8	12.1	12.1	11.2	-1.3		-1.3	
Montréal	11.3	11.5	12.5	12.1	-0.2		-1.2	
Trois-Rivières	10.6	11.2	13.3	12.1	-0.6		-2.7	
Sherbrooke	11.8	12.4	10.7	9.9	-0.6		1.1	
Ottawa-Hull	10.0	10.1	8.3	8.6	-0.1		1.7	
Sudbury	7.9	8.4	10.7	8.8	-0.5		-2.8	
Toronto	8.9	8.9	10.3	9.4	0.0		-1.4	
Hamilton	6.7	7.4	8.0	7.7	-0.7		-1.3	
St.Catharines-Niagara	8.9	8.9	11.2	9.5	0.0		-2.3	
London	8.3	8.8	9.5	7.6	-0.5		-1.2	
Windsor	10.3	9.3	9.8	8.2	1.0		0.5	
Kitchener-Waterloo	7.3	7.1	7.3	6.5	0.2		0.0	
Thunder Bay	8.0	8.0	12.3	9.4	0.0		-4.3	
Oshawa	7.9	7.3	9.7	8.0	0.6		-1.8	
Winnipeg	7.9	7.9	11.0	9.4	0.0		-3.1	
Regina	7.7	7.4	8.0	7.0	0.3		-0.3	
Saskatoon	7.3	7.1	9.3	8.2	0.2		-2.0	
Calgary	8.3	8.6	9.7	8.6	-0.3		-1.4	
Edmonton	9.0	8.8	10.9	9.5	0.2		-1.9	
Vancouver	8.3	8.3	9.5	8.3	0.0		-1.2	
Victoria	9.2	9.3	7.9	8.3	-0.1		1.3	

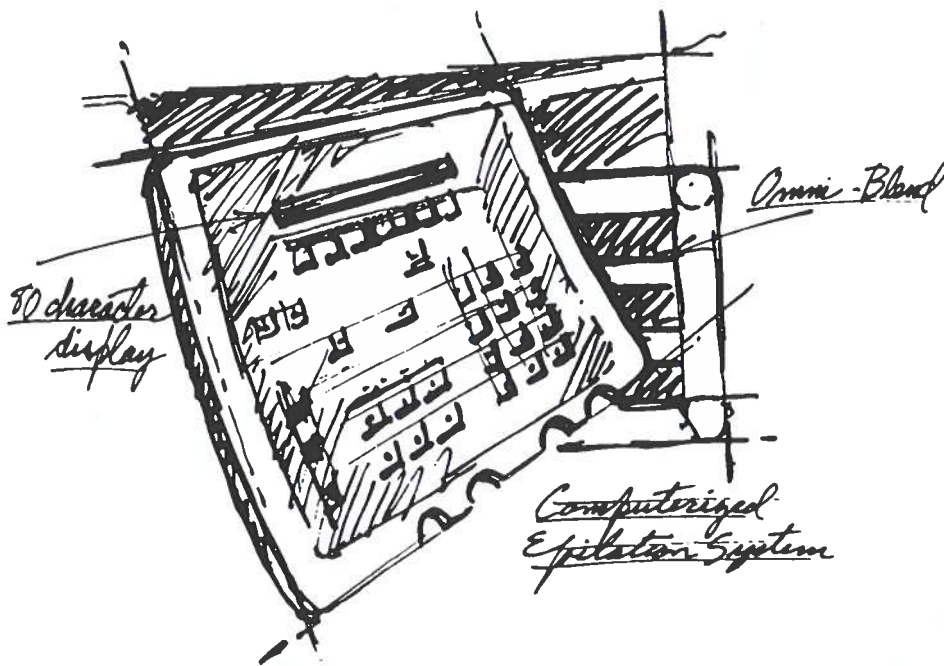
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Source: Statistics Canada, LFS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE*
BY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
(Unadjusted data)

Québec Administrative Region	Jun-95	May-95	Jun-94	Average of last 12 months	Variation		Variation	
					Jun-95	/	May-95	Jun-95
Gaspésie/Iles-de-la-Madeleine	22.6	26.0	22.7	20.2		-3.4		-0.1
Bas-Saint-Laurent	13.5	14.6	16.6	14.4		-1.1		-3.1
Québec	12.4	14.0	13.5	12.3		-1.6		-1.1
Chaudière-Appalaches	7.1	7.8	8.1	7.4		-0.7		-1.0
Estrie	9.4	10.5	9.8	9.7		-1.1		-0.4
Montérégie	8.7	9.7	9.7	10.0		-1.0		-1.0
Montréal	13.3	13.9	13.7	13.6		-0.6		-0.4
Laval	10.7	11.6	11.6	11.3		-0.9		-0.9
Lanaudière	8.9	10.6	11.6	11.1		-1.7		-2.7
Laurentides	10.8	12.1	13.8	12.2		-1.3		-3.0
Outaouais	10.6	11.9	10.3	10.9		-1.3		0.3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	11.1	11.6	14.5	12.0		-0.5		-3.4
Mauricie/Bois-Francs	8.5	9.9	11.1	10.6		-1.4		-2.6
Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean	13.0	15.8	16.4	14.6		-2.8		-3.4
Côte-Nord/Nord-du-Québec	12.4	14.3	14.0	16.0		-1.9		-1.6
Province of Québec	11.0	12.1	12.3	11.8		-1.1		-1.3

*Unemployment rate: In percentage, three-month moving average
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